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INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERIES SHOOT UP IN INDIA: REPORT

Medical institutions handled 95.5% of all deliveries in India in 2021-22, up from 88.6% in 2019-20

100% HOSPITAL DELIVERY IN TN, T'GANA

Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Goa and two Union Territories — Puducherry and Lakshadweep — reported 100% institutional deliveries in 2021-22, as per the data released by the Union health ministry's Health Management Information System. Nine states, including Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh, recorded 99% births in institutions | P9

HOME DELIVERIES COMMON IN MANY STATES

In rural areas of many states, especially in the Northeast, giving birth at home continues to be prevalent, as people lack easy access to institutional health care facilities
For instance, in Meghalaya, 42.8% of all births were at home while the figure for Nagaland was 21.7% and 19.4% for Manipur

4.5%

NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR HOME DELIVERIES IN 2021-22

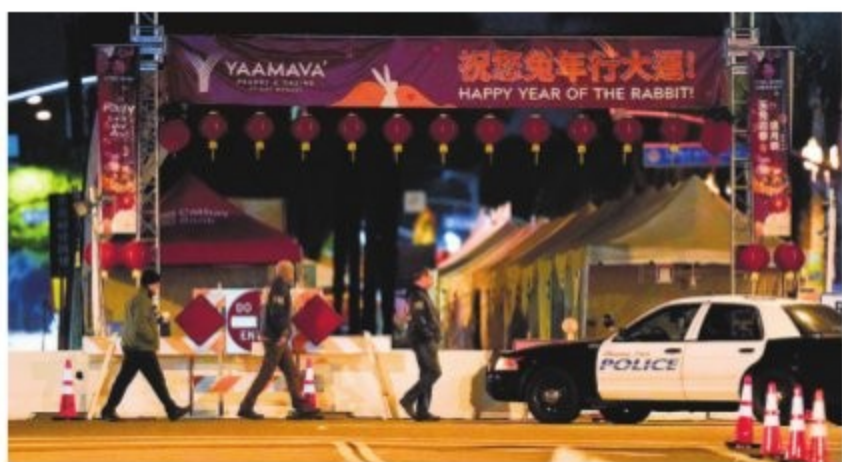
WFI meet off, uncertain times for grapplers

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THERE is no end to wrestling drama. In less than 24 hours, the Wrestling Federation of India was forced to call off its senior ranking tournament in Gonda and it cancelled emergency meeting too. In response to sports ministry's directive to cancel all activities with immediate effect, the WFI had said it would take a decision on Sunday and it is understood that after deliberation, they decided to cancel its emergency executive committee and general body meeting. "The proposed meeting has been called off," WFI tweeted.

As reported by this newspaper, there is uncertainty over India's participation in Zagreb Open Ranking Series from February 1 to 5. The WFI said all participation including national and international might get affected. A provisional entry list had already been sent by the WFI before its chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh got embroiled in the row. The list included Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya, Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik and Sarita Mor — the wrestlers who led the protest against Singh at Jantar Mantar. Visa process too had started before the stir. It is understood that Bajrang and his wife withdrew their names.

The WFI's meeting was to discuss various allegations levelled against Singh. All members from various affiliated state units present in Gonda backed the WFI chief, who has been asked to step aside from day-to-day activities of WFI till a proposed oversight committee, which is yet to be named, submits its report in four weeks. For wrestlers, the ranking series is important to get points that help them in getting seedings for World Championships, which is also an Olympic qualifier.



FBI agents walk near the crime scene in Monterey Park, California, on Sunday | AP

10 shot dead at Chinese New Year event in US city

Suspect at large; police probing hate crime angle; fifth mass killing in the US this month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AT least 10 people were killed and 10 others injured, some of them critically, when a gunman opened fire at a Chinese lunar new year celebration at a ballroom dance club in Southern California's Monterey Park on Saturday around 10:20 pm local time. This is the fifth mass killing in the US this month.

When local police first arrived, people were "pouring out of the location screaming," Capt Andrew Meyer of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department told reporters in a news briefing at the scene. He added that the police are on the lookout for the male suspect, who is on the run, and are probing whether it was a hate crime or not. While he gave no description of the wanted man, or the kind of gun he used, US media reports quoting witnesses said the gunman shot indiscriminately with a semiautomatic weapon.

Footage posted on social media showed injured people on stretchers being taken to ambulances by emergency staff. Around the scene of the shoot-

ing police guards cordoned-off streets, the video showed.

Chinese Lunar New Year is an annual 15-day festival to celebrate in the new year on the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. Monterey Park is a city of about 60,000 people that sits at the eastern edge of Los Angeles. The majority of its residents are Asian immigrants or their descendants, most of them Chinese.

Police said they are looking into an attempted shooting at a ballroom and dance studio in the neighboring city of Alhambra. Reports said an attack had been thwarted with the alleged gunman tackled and disarmed. "We have investigators on scene trying to determine if there's a connection between these two incidents," said Mayer.

The Monterey Park violence also marked the deadliest since May 24, 2022 — when 21 people were killed in a school in Uvalde, according to The Associated Press/USA Today database on mass killings in the US. It comes two months after five people were killed at a Colorado Springs nightclub.

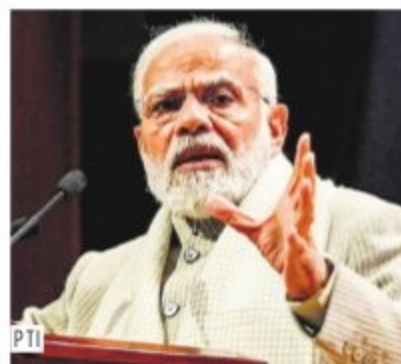
Modi lauds CJI's pitch for making SC judgments in regional languages

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday lauded Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud's pitch for making Supreme Court judgments available in regional languages.

"At a recent function, the Hon'ble CJI Justice DY Chandrachud spoke of the need to work towards making SC judgments available in regional languages. He also suggested the use of technology for it. This is a laudatory thought, which will help many people, particularly youngsters," Modi tweeted on Sunday.

The PM added that government is all for encouraging regional languages and is in favour of making the option available for studying subjects such as engineering and medicine in Indian



languages.

Tagging a video clip of Chandrachud's speech, delivered at an event organised by the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in Mumbai recently, the

PM tweeted that the government at the Centre has been taking numerous efforts to encourage the Indian languages.

Taking to twitter, the prime minister said that India has several languages adding to the country's cultural vibrancy. It may be recalled that the prime minister has in the past often pitched for making judicial verdicts more accessible to the common man by making those available in regional languages.

On July 7 in 2022, PM Modi had also emphasised the importance of providing engineering education in local languages

India has several languages, which add to our cultural vibrancy. The Central Government is undertaking numerous efforts to encourage Indian languages including giving the option of studying subjects like engineering and medicine in one's Matru Bhasha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Two killed by big cats near Mysuru, CM tells forest dept to form task force

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AN 18-year-old youth from Balle tribal settlement in Nagarhole Tiger Reserve was killed by a tiger on Sunday morning, while the headless body of an 11-year-old boy, who was suspected to have been killed by a leopard, was found near Horalahalli village in T Narasipura taluk on Sunday morning.

As the same leopard is believed to have killed two people in two days in T Narasipura taluk, CM Basavaraj Bommai said on Sunday that the forest department has been told to form a special task force and to comb the nearby forests to catch the killer leopard.

On Friday, a 60-year-old woman, Siddamma, was killed by

the big cat at Kannayakanahalli, which is next to Horalahalli, the village of the deceased boy, Jayant. Bommai said the forest department will carry out the combing operation in a 2-3 km radius to catch the leopard. The

forest and police officials should carry out night patrolling to prevent any further attacks, and villagers should be told not to step out at night, he added.

Bommai said the government has increased the compensation to families of those killed by wild animals. "The deputy commissioner has been asked to visit the spot and hand over the cheque to the boy's family," he added.

At Nagarhole, foresters suspected that the deceased, Man-

during a virtual meeting with the heads of 107 centrally funded technical institutions on July 7 in 2022. In recent times also, the prime minister cautioned against controversies erupted over languages saying that every regional language is 'worth worshipping' as it keeps reflecting India's culture and colloquial diversity.

On the security front, speaking at the 57th All India Conference of Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police in Delhi, Modi called for more co-operation between state police forces and central agencies to leverage capabilities.

While he said the police forces should be trained in emerging technologies, he also called for further strengthening of the traditional policing mechanisms such as foot patrols.

Hours after asking 'who's SRK?', Assam CM says he spoke to actor

PRASNATA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

HOURS after he said, "Who is Shah Rukh Khan? I don't know anything about him," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday tweeted saying the actor called him over phone at 2 am and expressed concerns over protests in Guwahati against his latest film *Pathaan*.

"He expressed concern about an incident in Guwahati during screening of his film. I assured him that it's the duty of state govt to maintain law & order. We'll enquire and ensure no such untoward incidents," Sarma tweeted.

Members of a right-wing organisation allegedly tore up and torched posters of the film in Guwahati. The movie is facing a backlash for showing actor Deepika Padukone clad in a saffron bikini in the song *Besharam Rang*.

Sarma's tweet comes a day after he said: "Who is Shah Rukh Khan? We have many Shah Rukh Khans here." Sarma was responding to a question at a press conference on what action his government has taken against those involved in the torching of posters.

When pressed further, the Assam CM had said, "If some-



A poster of movie Pathaan torn down by miscreants in Guwahati | EXPRESS

body has done something which violated law and order and a case has been filed, we will take action. If there was a problem, Shah Rukh Khan would have called me. If he calls, I will see to it. I often get calls from Bollywood actors."

The Opposition slammed Sarma, reminding him that he had stated only a day ago that he does not know the actor.

"People who became Sanghis to form the government also have to become Congressmen to run the government on Raj Dharma," senior Congress leader Pawan Khera tweeted. Speaking in Guwahati, Trinamool Congress leader Babul Supriyo said, "Shah Rukh Khan has a fan following across the world. By refusing to recognise him, Sarma and his BJP demonstrated their mindset towards minorities."

Heartbreak at sudden death

India's World Cup title dream ended amid drama in sudden death against New Zealand on Sunday. A look...

Poor from top of the D

This was an Achilles Heel at WC. India earned a lot of penalty corners but failed to convert many. Out of the ones they scored, most were rebounds

Pressure factor

This is an old chestnut and coach Graham Reid admitted it could be this. Going forward, he hoped they will have a mental coach with the team

Today's matches

Germany vs France 4.30 PM
Argentina vs Korea 7.00 PM



New Zealand players celebrate with goalkeeper Leon Hayward after India's Shamsheer missed during sudden death on Sunday | DEBADATTA MALIK | P13

When kids ask, eggs must be given, says department

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING feedback on the distribution of eggs to children under the midday meal scheme, the Department of Public Instruction has reiterated that government schools must provide eggs to students when they request it.

According to R Vishal, commissioner, Public Instruction, they received feedback from various sources on the midday meals, and an internal office circular was issued. "We want to ensure that there is no problem in the scheme and tried to redress some issues that

schools are facing as well as reiterate certain regulations," he said. Despite children asking for eggs in their meals, they were not given as the price of eggs has gone up causing schools to overshoot their budget. There have been complaints regarding the distribution of eggs as schools are appealing to the department to increase the budget.

Vishal said, "The price of eggs will change, but the number of students going to schools on a particular day varies. If there are fewer students, it must be adjusted accordingly so that surplus is spent on days when there are more kids."

Mangaluru Kambala amazes foreign spectators

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

COASTAL Karnataka's traditional buffalo race 'Kambala' is gaining popularity across the globe as enthusiasts from Afghanistan, Germany and Denmark have travelled to Mangaluru to watch the race that is run in slushy paddy fields accompanied by buffaloes. On Sunday, they visited the famed Mangaluru Kambala, which is being held at Goldfinch City.

These spectators told *The New Indian Express* that they

read about Kambala online and they were amazed to know about Srinivas Gowda, who is known to run faster than track star Usain Bolt.

Srinivas Gowda, a construction worker from Mijar in Moodbidri, rose to fame in 2020 when he covered 142.5 metres in 13.62 seconds. For 100 metres, it translates to 9.55 seconds, which is 0.03 seconds faster than Usain Bolt's world record time of 9.58 seconds.

Henri from Denmark said, "We were on a business trip and

we wanted to watch Kambala live. We read about the event and Srinivas Gowda online. We were amazed to witness the unique sport and we really enjoyed it." He was accompanied by Thomas, Carsten, Pete and Susanna, also from Denmark.

Sayyad Ahmed, an Afghan national and a student at Mangalore University also watched Kambala along with his family for the first time. "This is a unique sport and the culture of Dakshina Kannada is beautiful," he said.

SILENCE SPEAKS: CONG CITY-WIDE AGITATION AGAINST GRAFT TODAY

Protests to be held at 51 Metro stations, 26 flyovers and 200 traffic signals, says NA Haris

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CONGRESS will launch a silent protest across 28 constituencies of the city on Monday against the alleged corruption of the state government, where party legislators and defeated candidates will take part.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah and AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Ranadeep Singh Surjewala will participate in the protest near Trinity Circle.

"We will be holding a silent protest at 51 metro stations, 26 flyovers and 200 traffic signals. But there won't be any noise, traffic will not be hit and we will not indulge in any tussle, except for holding placards which will reflect the theme 'Save Bengaluru'," said Shanti-

nagar MLA NA Haris during a joint press conference along with AICC secretary Abhishek Dutt on Sunday.

"Everyone knows the extent of corruption in the state government. We want to send out a message to save the city and the state. Tomorrow, the programme will be held in the city and then expanded to other parts of the state," they said.

As the state government has been silent over the 40 per cent commission charges by the contractors and no action has been taken, it casts a doubt that the government might be involved in corruption, they said.

"As an opposition party, we cannot just sit back and watch as it is our responsibility to protect the city, state and its people. Despite the president of the contractors' association writing to the prime minister, no action

has been taken," they alleged.

Although there have been scams in PSI recruitment, PWD and KPTCL, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been visiting the city as the elections are approaching, has not addressed the issue of corruption, they said.

"The pension of widows and disabled have been stopped for the last seven to eight months. Is the government bankrupt?" they said. The BJP government does not even have 100 days before its tenure ends, but 90 per cent of its promises are yet to be fulfilled, they said, adding that the saffron party is preparing to release a new manifesto.

However, the Congress has announced 200 units of free electricity to 80 per cent of the households under the Griha Jyothi Yojana, they said, adding the party, if voted to power, will also provide a financial aid of ₹2,000 per month to every women head of households.

RTC staffers plan protest on Jan 24, buses to ply as usual

ENS @Bengaluru

URGING the State Government to hike salaries, reinstate dismissed employees and improve working conditions, employees of the four transport corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, KKSRTC and NWSRTC — will protest on January 24. KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation (affiliated to AITUC), All Karnataka State Road Transport Employees Board, Karnataka State Road Transport Employees Union and other associations have extended support for the protest. Unions have, however, said that bus services will not be interrupted.

"We have been repeatedly requesting the government to hike salaries of transport employees. Transport Minister B Sriramulu on many occasions promised to fulfil our demands by bringing them to the attention of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. However, our demands have not been met till date and our workers are suffering," HV Anantha Subbarao, president, KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation, told TNIE.

He said that the unions are having a list of 14 demands that includes salary revision, reducing work hours, improving working conditions for all workers, especially women, withdrawing FIRs filed against employees and reinstating dismissed employees.

Employees will protest at Freedom Park, while others will protest in front of their respective divisional centres across Karnataka. "If our demands are not met, we will be forced to intensify our agitation by refusing to go to work in the next stage and then call for an indefinite strike," Subbarao said.



LONG WAIT...

People in large numbers throng Lalbagh Glass House for the flower show, organised as part of the Republic Day celebrations, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARA JA DEKAL

Horn ok, buffalo snarl irks techies

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@Bengaluru

TECHIES in city have complained to the city traffic police over buffaloes blocking the roads, resulting in jams in certain parts of the city.

They have complained that on many occasions, a herd of buffaloes block the roads, resulting in traffic being halted for hours. Recently, in the city's IT hub in Kasavanahalli, traffic snarled up after buffaloes obstructed the movement of vehicles. A daily commuter said that this was becoming a headache everyday as the travel time on a particular stretch is sometimes taking 40-50 minutes instead of the usual 20 minutes due to the traffic,

which has resulted in them being reporting late to work almost every day.

Infuriated citizens took to social media, and complained that buffaloes have been occupying the road either in the morning or evening, causing long traffic jams, and requested the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's Animal Husbandry Department and the traffic police to take action to resolve the issue.

Areas like Cottonpet, Chamarajpet, Kalasipalya, VV Puram and other central parts of the city are already fighting with the menace, which has now spread to areas like Whitefield, Bellandur, and Kasavanahalli, where many IT companies are located.

Republic Day launch for Nimbus app

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AFTER much delay, BMTC's app Nimbus will be launched this Republic Day. The road transport corporation which was set to launch the app on December 23 postponed the plan as it had to set right some technical glitches and improve its accuracy. The app will help users track BMTC buses in real-time, get fare details, routes and schedules among other options to make travel hassle-free.

BMTC sources said that it was fine-tuning the app based on the feedback given by users who were given access to test the app in its soft launch. The previous two attempts by BMTC to launch apps had failed as it was mired with glitches. "Nimbus will be the third app and we do not want it to fail. The app was under testing for the past few weeks. We had to rectify the technical glitches," the source said.

"We operate nearly 5,600 buses daily, including 400 Volvo buses. But the live-tracking will not be available on the buses that are about to be scrapped in the coming months," the source added.

Transporters' strike on, milk supply hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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MOUNTING woes for Bengalureans, milk supply was disrupted in the city as transporters continued their strike in front of Karnataka Milk Federation offices across the city on Sunday.

The strike, headed by the Federation of Karnataka State Lorry Owners and Agents' Association, was launched over growing demand by transporters to revise costs and a new rule by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

Protesters said that the issue has been compounding as KMF and the Bangalore Milk Union Limited (BAMUL) had refused to revise costs of transporting milk, especially when there is a rise in gas prices.

Earlier, 250 transporters under contract with BAMUL launched a strike on Friday, stating they had not been paid adequately factoring in the costs of gas price hike.

Meanwhile, G Shanmugappa



The suppliers are using trucks that are 20 to 25 years old, which is why we had invited tenders thrice, but no one came forward

Narasimha Murthy, BAMUL president

Meanwhile, BAMUL Transporters Association head Govindappa said that BAMUL has been appealed several times to increase the rates of transportation as the suppliers have been facing a loss. He alleged that while a 10 per cent increase had been promised, it had not been done.

However, BAMUL president Narasimha Murthy hit back, stating that a 10 per cent hike has been given. He also stated that tenders have been floated thrice, however, the transporters have refused to come forward. "The suppliers are using trucks that are 20 to 25 years old, which is why we had invited tenders thrice, but no one came forward. We are willing to speak to them, but they refuse to talk to us," he said.

Govindappa stated no one has participated in the tender process due to BAMUL's underselling the transporters, and it was difficult for the transporters to meet the specifications set by BAMUL in the tenders.

Halted by financial crunch, mobile clinics to hit roads this year

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is planning to relaunch its mobile medical units (MMUs), an initiative under the National Health Mission (NHM), which was launched in 2017 to strengthen the secondary healthcare system in the state. The services were stopped in March 2021 due to financial constraints.

Dr R Narayan, deputy director (MMUs) said, "We had stopped the MMU services in 2021 due to some budget restrictions and proposed to the government to increase the per unit cost being provided. The same has been accepted by them and so with slight cost cutting, it will be relunched in 2023."

D Randeep, health commis-

sioner, stated that the old mandate provided by NHM was Rs 1.55 lakh per MMU. Since, the amount was not enough to set up the unit, the state government proposed to set up 34 MMUs with a unit cost of Rs 3.34 lakh.

The proposal has been accepted for a revised cost of Rs

2.8 lakh from the central government. Dr Narayan said with the approved budget, they will hire less employees per unit and start rolling out the units. The tender process for outsourcing the services is expected to start soon.

The health department is expecting approval for 50 more MMUs as well in the

budget, Dr Narayan said.

Kripa M, coordinator, Concerned for Working Children, said that the government comes up with several schemes but there are problems in implementing them. The MMUs were launched to provide healthcare facilities especially in rural areas to ensure people didn't have to travel long distances for basic services.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd January: Monday is the Moon's day. Traditionally it's a moment to stop and consider home affairs and family matters. If you want to dress in lunar colours then white is top of the list, and if you fancy a lunar meal then watery food suits, such as soups and soft fruit. According to tradition that's the way to stay in harmony with the cosmos.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Given that the overwhelming emphasis of your solar chart is on self-indulgence and unbridled pleasure, you should try to keep routine and toberness chores to a minimum. At work, how about a spot of day-dreaming? You never know - you might come up with the answer to a long-running problem.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

The very fact that the Moon is making such a particular alignment with your sign means that, symbolically speaking, the world lies at your feet. You can do yourself a great deal of good by using every trick in the book to boost your self-confidence.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

To some extent your behaviour will be quite out of character, in that you will be inclined to keep your feelings to yourself, at least until lunchtime! Such will be the change during the day however that, by evening, indiscretion will be your watchword!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have a reputation for being among the most romantic inhabitants of the cosmos, and today's inspired Sun-Neptune alignment will bring your expectations to a new peak. Only if you are completely unrealistic will you run the risk of disappointment.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

The one plain and simple fact is that your sign is now enjoying planetary influences which are more buoyant, optimistic and good-hearted than since at least 1992. If not a great deal longer, do yourself a favour and avoid utterly unnecessary and pointless confrontations.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

It's not always easy to broaden your horizons, but you could have a go! Consider the ethical and moral issues of your actions, and check out all and any overseas implications. It's a good moment to finalise travel arrangements, and spiritually it's a time to grow.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You can think the unthinkable, but do pay a little more attention than usual to financial affairs, especially as far as they concern other people. Fortunately, any fears or worries may now turn out to be more than the vague stirrings of your too vivid imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You will be obliged to take serious notice of good advice, even if it is not exactly what you wanted to hear. There is really no doubt about that, but you may find that there is almost unlimited flexibility when it comes to putting your plans into action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Pain is usually followed by pleasure and, having dealt with purely routine and unexciting tasks, you will be free to enjoy the fruits of your success. In many ways today should be like a miniature version of the good life: work hard this morning and relax this afternoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You are now in the build-up to the next major lunar pattern, an event of deep significance which will enable you to embark on significant new initiatives. If this makes you feel important, it should, for you will have a chance to take a prominent role in your community.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your solar chart is not a good tool for monitoring physical well-being, but right now we can conclude that your very sensitivity makes this a perfect moment to move in and take whatever steps are necessary in terms of diet or exercise to boost your fitness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Work hard and please to be the message coming from your celestial alignments. A determined Moon will enable you, as a Piscean, to put your point across with greater certainty than usual. Your imagination is now in top gear and relations could be amazingly improved.

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SU DO KU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Carrier hurried into back street to get a drink (11)
- 9 Fruit machine goes to the family (7)
- 10 Away team gets a lead (5)
- 11 Final sprinkling of salt (4)
- 12 Offer for money (8)
- 14 Its members show appreciation for money (6)
- 16 A relation, not being heartless, makes a gift (6)
- 18 Youth with no head for multiplication (8)
- 19 Only a section of some recent work (4)
- 22 Go round the globe on it (5)
- 23 Time to take in a strange rite by the Red Sea (7)
- 24 It may be taken as an indication of health (11)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Onsong, 4 Marifent, 9 Aebia, 10 Ordained, 12 Odo, 13 Friend, 14 Ise, 17 First edition, 20 Indolent ink, 23 Bed, 24 Stage, 25 Well, 28 Arms race, 29 Edging, 30 Nonsense, 31 Recent.

DOWN

- 2 The right birds for uncle (5)
- 3 Eastern relatives turn up to see victory (4)
- 4 A poor state to be in (6)
- 5 Come again to gather fruit (8)
- 6 He won't eat anything (7)
- 7 Something put on a petition (11)
- 8 A stylehead remodelled acts as a guide (5,3,3)
- 13 The point of punctuation (4,4)
- 15 Can I provide a friendly solution? (7)
- 17 Charm, possibly earned (6)
- 20 Go astray or slip (5)
- 21 Perfect type of sauce? (4)

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

That's an old one. When you've written as many songs as I have, it's hard to play them all. Maybe next time.

Please play "To Ramona!"

BOB DYLAN WAS ABLE TO WRITE MORE THAN 600 SONGS BECAUSE HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: DWELL BONGO PILLOW BUCKET
Answer: They served a fantastic Thanksgiving turkey that was about to be — GOBBLED UP

Court sends two officials to 4-yr RI in bribery case

Case will also be booked against complainant for turning hostile

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tumakuru

IN a groundbreaking judgement, the seventh additional district and sessions court here on Saturday sentenced a deputy tahsildar and a village accountant to a rigorous imprisonment (RI) of four years in a corruption case, besides instructing the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to book the complainant, who turned hostile, a KAS officer and a Lokayukta investigating officer for allegedly giving false evidence.

Judge TP Gowda, at the special court to try cases related to Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), convicted Village Accountant R Shivakumar and Deputy Tahsildar HT Vasantharaju in Kunigal taluk on two counts for offence under Section 7 of PCA and under Section 13(1) (d) read with 13(2) of PCA.

A fine of Rs 40,000 each has been imposed on the convicts and in case of default of payment, they will undergo simple imprisonment for six months. The sentences against both of them on two counts shall run concurrently, the order stated.

The CAO has been directed to register a private complaint before jurisdictional magistrate against the complainant, Rajesh Prasad YS, under Section 340 of CrPC for the offence of giving false evidence punishable under Section 191 read with 193 of IPC and also against former Kunigal Tahsildar Shambhulingaiah and Lokayukta Investigating Officer Goutham under Section 340 of CrPC for the of-

fences of 'fabrication of false evidence and giving false evidence', punishable under Section 191 & 192 read with 193 of IPC. Shambhulingaiah is at present the additional director and deputy secretary with the social welfare department, Vikasa Soudha in Bengaluru and Goutham is the Lokayukta DySP in Ramanagara.

On August 11, 2014, the convicts had seized the Sri Siddalingeshwara Computer Training Centre at Yediyur owned by YS Rajesh Prasad, a priest at Siddalingeshwara temple, for illegally generating the UIDAI Aadhaar card for the public. They conducted the mahzar and booked Rajendra Prasad.

In the meantime, Rajendra Prasad allegedly met the tahsildar personally seeking favour. Later he met the convicts and held telephonic conversations with them in which the latter demanded

Rs 25,000 on behalf of the tahsildar to drop the case. Eventually, the deal was struck for Rs 20,000. Following a complaint by Rajendra Prasad, the Lokayukta police team led by Inspector Goutham trapped the convicts and caught them red handed while collecting the cash on August 14, 2014.

In 2016, a chargesheet was filed before the court and during the trial of the case, the judge took cognisance of Rajendra Prasad turning hostile before the prosecution and the tahsildar and IO, as prosecution witnesses, fabricating the evidence, said Lokayukta Special Public Prosecutor N Basavaraju.



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CRIME PATROL

5 detained for assaulting guard

Bengaluru: A security guard of an apartment, who stopped a food delivery boy to check the bag, was assaulted by a gang in Sampige Halli on Saturday night. The police have detained five persons in this connection. The police said a resident of the apartment had ordered food and the delivery boy went to the apartment to deliver it. The security guard told him that he needs to check his bag before he enters the premises. The delivery boy said he had to rush for another delivery but the guard insisted on a security check and this led to an argument. "The delivery boy returned with four others and assaulted the guard," the police said. **ENS**

Bar workers assault customer

Bengaluru: A customer who complained of bad service was allegedly assaulted by the staff of a bar and restaurant in Basaveshwara Nagar police station limits on Saturday night. The victim, Perumal, who works at a factory in Peenya, has filed a police complaint in this connection. The police said Perumal had been to Venkatagiri bar and restaurant in Manjunatha Nagar on Saturday night. He was not happy with the service and had argued with the suppliers. "When he was leaving the bar at 1 am on Sunday, close to 10 workers attacked him outside the bar. Perumal managed to go to the hospital and later filed a police complaint," the police added. **ENS**

Karnataka doctors seek pay on par with other states

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MEDICAL professionals in Karnataka have raised concern over inequality in pay compared to their counterparts in other states. They contend that doctors here are paid less despite similar work experience.

A doctor from KC General Hospital said doctors in Karnataka are paid on the basis of state health scheme whereas doctors in other states are paid on the basis of central government health scheme. He explained that a doctor like him with over 25 years of work expe-

rience was still earning less than Rs 2 lakh per month while those in other states were being paid around Rs 3 lakh a month.

The doctor said the poor state of group C and D employees is often given more attention when compared to group A and B employees. The scenario is the same for professionals working on contract and permanent as well.

In the time of pandemic (2020), state doctors even protested seeking either a pay rise or for the government to follow the pay scale of the central government healthcare system.

Unequal pay causes a sense of demotivation amongst em-

ployees, especially when there is a shortage of medical professionals and the MBBS and specialist doctors tend to be overburdened with work, another doctor said.

A doctor associated with the National Urban Health Mission in Karnataka said the situation of doctors in contractual or permanent set up is the same in all districts. The state of doctors is poor as they are less equipped, less paid and do not have appropriate facilities. The MBBS doctors on contractual basis are being paid around Rs 40,000 and specialist doctors are earning 20 per cent more in comparison.

Neuro rehab can change lives



Web series launched

A dedicated web series was also launched for functional neurosciences called 'Bheja (Un)Fry', which explained all aspects of functional neurosciences and neuro rehabilitation.

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HEALTHCARE professionals in Bengaluru launched a neurosciences ecosystem to increase awareness about functional neurosciences and neuro rehabilitation. They explained how advancement in technology can help revive neurologically challenged people.

The launch was done in association with Bengaluru-based company PRS Neurosciences and Swasthya Arogya Foundation, providing services to people either free of cost or at subsidised rates.

Dr Sharan Srinivasan, chairman and managing director, PRS Neurosciences, said a lot of information is available for cardiology and nephrology for

instance, but knowledge about neuro rehabilitation is very less. Hence, it is important to curate a robust system and create awareness for people to understand that neurological disabilities can also be cured.

He said that patients end up becoming a burden on families, and it is not ideal for them to remain in a comatose state for life. With advancements in technology, it is possible for such patients to be able to at least perform daily activities on their own, which is also a big win for the families.

They launched a dedicated software which could be used to map a person's brain to study neurologics, and create a neurologic metaverse as well, where a person's brain and body could be studied.

Mechanic held for killing wife

BENGALURU: A 30-year-old man who allegedly murdered his pregnant wife suspecting her fidelity and had fled to Delhi has been arrested by the Suddaguntepalya police.

The accused Naseer Hussain, a mechanic, was on the run after murdering his wife Naz Khanum (22) at their residence last Monday.

After strangulating Khanum, Hussain sent a message to her brother Ayub Khan stating that he had murdered Khanum and asking him to collect the body.

"It was found that it was a planned murder as Hussain had booked a flight to Delhi a few days before the murder and had taken the flight after the murder," the police added. **ENS**

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APPENDIX-IV-A [REFER PROVISO TO RULE 8(6)]

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Cum Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Properties/Property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, (Secured Creditor/Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE" is on 10-02-2023 for recovery of Bank dues of Rs. 6,90,20,115.38 (Rupees Six Crore Ninety Lakh Twenty Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Paise Thirty Eight Only) as on 14-12-2022 due and payable to the Secured Creditor in addition to interest, costs and charges at contractual rate to the Secured Creditor from 1) M/s. NEBULA COMPUTERS, Flat No-B, Devakar Apartments, No-147, Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai-600004. 2) Mr. Elangkumaran & 3) Mrs. E. Uma Devi, both at: Flat No-A-20, Fourth Floor, Ashok Tapasvi, Municipal Door No 9 (Old Door No.34), Lock Street, Kotturpuram, Chennai-600085. Also at : No.204, 1st Floor, Block-D, Silver Crown, S.No.210 (Old No.148/4) of Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore. 4) Mrs. Chitra Mis. Nebula Computer, Flat No-B, Devakar Apartments, No-147, Luz Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai-600004. Also at: Mrs. Chitra, W/o M Srinivasan, Block No II G2, 4/2 Sai Oaks, 19th Street, Velachery, Chennai-600042.

Short description of Immovable Properties/ Property with known encumbrances and certain terms of the sale:-

Loan Account No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (S)	Demand Notice Amount and Date	Reserve Price (RP)	EMD (10% of RP)	Inspection Date & Time	Date of Auction & Time	Total Out Standing	Known Encumbrance, If Any,
41304039324 & 41304201107 (CRN 36145298 & 115584020)	1) Mr. Nebula Computers, 2) Mr. Elangkumaran, 3) Mrs. E Uma Devi, 4) Mrs. Chitra	Rs.1,99,87,162.45 (One crore Ninety Nine Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Sixty Two and Forty Five Paise Only) as on 15/11/2017	Item No. 1 Rs.1,30,00,000/- (Rupees: One Crore Thirty Lakhs Only) Item No.2 Rs.75,70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)	Item No.1 Rs.13,00,00/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Only) Item No.2 Rs.7,57,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand) On or before 09-02-2023 6:00PM	On 02-02-2023 From 11.30 A.M to 3.30 P.M	On 10-02-2023 At 01.00 PM Onwards	Rs.6,90,20,115.38 (Rupees Six Crore Ninety Lakh Twenty Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Paise Thirty Eight Only) as on 14-12-2023	Nil

DETAILS OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES/ PROPERTY: Item-I: Survey No: T.S Nos.12,13,15,16,17,18,20 & 21, Extent Free Hold/Lease/Hold: UDS 676.5 Sq./16 Gr.294 Sqft (As per Patta 16 Gr.183 Sqft) and Built-Up Area:1,035 Sqft. Areas (Acres): Undivided Share of Land 676.5 Sqft (1.7483%) out of Total Extent 16 Grounds 294 Sqft (as per Patta Ext:16 Grounds 183 Sqft (Vide Patta C.A No 86/909 dated 26.06.1990 issued by the Tashildar/Mambalam Gundi Taluk) after the aforementioned Gift of 19.8 Sq.mtrs 213 Sqft to the Corporation of Chennai, LOCATION: Flat No A-20 Fourth Floor, In "ASHOK TAPASVI" Municipal D No 9 (Old D.No.34) Lock street, Kotturpuram, Chennai-600085 in Adyar Village situated within the limits of Adyar Division, Earlier in the Madras City Extended Area. Earlier Mars Corporation Division No 9 New Chennai Corporation Division No 38 Kotturpuram, in Block No 16, Mambalam/Gundi Taluk Chennai District and situated within the Sub-Registration District of (Previous) SRO, Saidapet and now SRO, Adyar and the Registration District of Chennai-South, BOUNDARIES: North By: Property Formerly belonging to Mr.DrSundarraaj, South By: Formerly Varadapuram Road R.S No in Block No 18 Now Known as Lock street, East By: Land Formerly belonging to Mrs. KamakshiAmmal&Mr.NRajamannar, Falling in T.S No 11 & 19, West By: Property belonging to Dr Sundarraaj & Church in T.S No 14 & 22. Item-II: SCHEDULE-A: All that piece and parcel of the converted property bearing Eastern Portion of Sy.No.210 (Old No 148/4) of kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District Bangalore in all Measuring 2 Acres Out of 4 Acres equivalent to 87120 Sqft (Converted Vide official) Memorandum bearing No ALN (ASH) SR 205/2010-11 Dated 18/04/2011 (Issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) More fully described in the SCHEDULE herein under and hereinafter referred to as "SCHEDULE A PROPERTY" East By: Land bearing Sy No.211,212&213, West By: Remaining portion of Land in Sy No.210, North By: Harlur Village Boundary, South By: Road. SCHEDULE-B: (Description of the Undivided share, right title and interest of land conveyed to the PURCHASER) An undivided share, right, title and interest of 596 SQFT of land out of the total extent of land described under Schedule A property above. SCHEDULE-C: (Description of the flat intended to be purchased by the PURCHASER) A Residential Apartment No 204 measuring 1484 sqft of super built up area with three Bed rooms, Hall, Dining & Kitchen on SECOND FLOOR on BLOCK-D of the building known as "SILVER CROWN" Constructed in the Schedule A property with corridors, Staircase, Lift, Sump, Overhead Tanks, Ducts, Children Play Area, Community Hall & Gymnasium etc with proportionate share in other areas of common use with ONE CAR PARKING in the Basement/Still Parking area with Designated parking Number as 204-D and Apartment bounded on: East By: Open Space, West By: APT # 205, North By: Corridor, South By: Open Space. Specification of the Building R.C.C Structure and Roofing Solid Brick, Wall, Verified titles and saal wood doorframes. The Auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved Service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, at their web Portal www.bankeauctions.com. The Authorised Officer shall have absolute discretion to cancel the e-auction at any point of time, without assigning any reason. For detailed terms and conditions of E-Auction sale tender document containing online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration etc, Please refer to the link provided in www.bankeauctions.com & https://auctions.kotak.com or Contact Sesha Srinivasan M (9916855444), Mr. Ramakrishnan, Mobile (+91 984123344), Mr. Karun B (+91 9686812683). Date: 23.01.2023, Place: Chennai Sd/- Authorized Officer, For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX IV - [See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2000 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued Demand Notices for calling upon the Borrowers, Mortgagees, Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notice amount within 60 days (Sixty days) from the date of the said demand notice. The Borrowers, Mortgagees, Co-borrowers and Guarantors mentioned herein above having failed to repay the said demand notice amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property/properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section 4 of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The Borrowers, Mortgagees, Co-borrower and Guarantors mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property/properties will be subject to the charge of the Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd. for an amounts and further interest and other charges thereon till the date of recovery.

Sl. No.	Borrowers, Mortgagees, Co-obligants and Consentors	Possession taken on	Total Outstanding Amount
1.	Mr./Mrs. P.Nagaraja, 2. Mr./Mrs. Nagarathna, 3. Mr./Mrs. Manesharaja N. 4. Mr./Mrs. Hariprasad N. Loan A/c No. 19660000202691, Demand Notice Dated: 30-09-2022	Possession taken on: 20-01-2023	Rs.20,68,369/- as on 16-09-2022 further interest and other charges thereon
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. Western portion of the Site No.19, Khatha No.554, Katha No.26/24, Assessment No.397, situated at Chikkabasavanapura, Krishnarajapura Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South taluk, now Bangalore East taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 25 ft and North to South: 32 ft and in all measuring 800 sq.ft. and bounded on the East by: Remaining portion of same site no.19 belong to Gopal Reddy, West by: Site No.20, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.			
2.	1. Mr./Mrs. Yogni V. 2. Mr./Mrs. Madesha. Loan A/c No. 19660000208540, 21660000013209 & 21660000463931, Demand Notice Dated: 12-09-2022	Possession taken on: 21-01-2023	Rs.2,79,363/- as on 08-09-2022 further interest and other charges thereon
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Assessment No.263/252/1262 J, Old No.1262/L, Having PID No.3-1-510-55A, Situated at Ward No.03, 3rd Cross Road, Block No.01, Bheind Anjaneya Temple, Gandhinagar, Ramanagara and measuring East to West: 9.144018 meters and North to South: 4.572009 Meters, in Total Measuring 41.806350 sq.meters and thereon building measuring 22.296 Sq.Meters and bounded on the East by: Property belongs to Rajamma, West by: Property belongs to Devamma and Venkataramma, North by: private property, South by: Road.			
3.	1. Mr./Mrs. Poornima K R, 2. Mr./Mrs. Nagaraju. Loan A/c No. 19660000318913 & 20660000544900, Demand Notice Dated: 09-06-2022	Possession taken on: 21-01-2023	Rs.2,55,518/- as on 13-05-2022 further interest and other charges thereon
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.54/129, having E Katha No.(PID.No. 15290040100080559 according to the form No.11 B issued by the office of the Harishandra Village Panchayath, Situated at Harishandra Village, Ramanagara Taluk & District, And measuring East to West: 12.192 Meters and North to South: 13.41120 Meters in all total 163.51 sq.meters and building thereon measuring 163.51 Sq.Meters, and bounded on the East by: Property belongs to Jogialli, West by: Property belongs to Siddamma, North by: Property belongs to Nanjiah, South by: Road.			

Date: 23-01-2023 Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditors, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of Indian Bank, the Secured Creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07-02-2023 for recovery Rs 70,00,182.29/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh One Hundred Eighty Two and paise Twenty Nine only) as on 21-01-2023 with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Secured Creditor, with further interest and charges due to, secured creditor, from:1.M Perumappa (Borrower) No. 19, 1st Cross, Solappa Garden, Chunchaghatta, Off Kanakapura, Bengaluru 560062. The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Prior Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	Rs 57,82,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 5,78,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	07-02-2023 11.00 AM To 4.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB50247561361

Bidders are advised to visit the website [www.mstccommerce.com] of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-40602403/033-4067351/033-40628253/033-40645316/033-40645207/033-40609118 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapfin@mstccommerce.com. For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number 18001025026 and 011-41106131. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Numbers as mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.in and www.mstccommerce.com.

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PM ON COURSE TO COVER ALL DISTRICTS

Modi has been visiting state from September, to make 2-3 visits next month

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LONG before the dates for the upcoming assembly elections in Karnataka were announced, Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems to have started the campaign ball rolling to visit every region in the state and target individual districts.

After Gujarat elections in December last year, the BJP top brass has put its complete focus on Karnataka which will go to the polls in the next couple of months.

In the past few weeks, there has been a steady stream of visits by party leaders from New Delhi, including the PM, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP National President JP Nadda as well as several Union ministers either for party events or to launch various schemes. The leaders used these events to highlight the BJP gov-

ernment's development works. Modi, who started visiting Karnataka from September last year, has increased the frequency of his visits.

After BJP worker Praveen Nettaru's murder in Dakshina Kannada, the party faced wrath from its own workers after which Modi's visit helped to pacify them to a certain extent.

In November 2022, the PM was in Karnataka again, this time focusing on Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts where he flagged off of the Vande Bharat Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru Express, inaugurated a second terminal at the Kempegowda International Airport and unveiled an 108-foot-tall statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

Earlier this month, Modi took part in the National Youth Festival (Yuva-Janotsava) in Hubballi. Recently, Modi's



event at Yadgir district witnessed distribution of title deeds to Banjara community members from Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur and Vijayapura districts.

Modi is also expected to make two to three visits in February. He is scheduled to open an airport in Shivamogga on February 27, which also marks former chief minister B S Yediyurappa's birthday. He is also expected to lay the foundation of a mining school at Sandur in Ballari district. There is plan to

hold a big convention in Davanagere where Modi is expected to attend. The government medical college and hospital in Chikkaballapur is also awaiting Modi's time.

Modi will also lay the foundation stone for Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd's chopper facility in Gubbi taluk, Tumakuru, likely in February. The much-awaited Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway is almost ready, and Modi is expected to inaugurate it in March.

According to BJP leaders, Modi is visiting districts and regions where the party is weak or facing negative consequences for various reasons. "Modi will set the final stage after covering most of the districts in the next few weeks. Our state leaders will also travel to these regions, but Modi's visit will make the party more stronger," said a leader.

PEAKING AT RIGHT TIME; BUT RESERVATION ISSUE CAN PUT BJP IN QUANDARY

THE ruling BJP is showing all signs of peaking at the right time. The party that looked off the mark just a few months ago has got the rhythm right. Central lead-

ers' back-to-back visits to the poll-bound state have put its cadre on their toes and shown glimpses of the carpet-bombing style of campaigning in the offing.

The BJP may outgun the resurgent Congress in terms of its ability to reach out to the voters in a more systematic manner at the ground level and deploy top leaders from across the country for election duty in the state. But the party's biggest concern will be the reservation issue where it is pitted against the numerically strong Panchamasali Lingayat community and not against its political rival Congress.

The reservation issue, which the party considered an X-factor in the run-up to polls, has the potential to undo its well-laid-out strategy. The community, led by seer Basava Jaya Mruthunjaya Swamiji, is on a warpath. It has rejected the government proposal to create a new 2D category and is insisting on including the community in the 2A category with 15 per cent reservation for backward castes.

It's an extremely tricky situation when the elections are just around the corner. The community leaders are setting deadlines and have taken to the streets. They even protested in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home constituency to send out a message to the BJP leadership. The contentious issue also exposed differences among senior Lingayat



leaders in the party, making a mockery of the party discipline.

If not handled well, the issue has the potential to shake the very political edifice of the party as the community forms the bedrock of the BJP's strength in the state. At a time when it is making efforts to gain a foothold in the Vokkaliga-dominated Old Mysuru region and broad-base its strategy to reach out to all segments, it cannot afford to antagonise a section of Lingayats.

The BJP government did make an effort to resolve the issue by leveraging 10 per cent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) that allows the state to increase overall reservations up to 60 per cent. The plan is to implement the EWS reservation for around 3 per cent of communities that are not covered under any reservation and use the remaining 7 per cent to increase the quota for Lingayats and Vokkaligs.

Such a strategy ensures that the government will not disturb those in the 2A category and will also placate the Panchamasali Lingayats. But the community leaders have rejected it. There are also allegations that some Congress leaders, who are part of the movement, are misleading its leadership.

Be that as it may, things have not unfolded as planned by the government and BJP.

So much so, the community leaders have decided not to negotiate with the state government and appealed to BJP central leaders to take note of it. They have even warned of an impact on the elections. They have a strong presence in around 80 Assembly segments out of 224 seats in the state.

Many in BJP also feel that the timing is not right. But with the community setting the deadline, the government hardly has any choice. Now, the government has to race against time to take Panchamasalis into confidence without antagonising other communities.

The Congress could capitalise on it without much effort. Its reaction to the ongoing issue is similar to BJP's response in the run-up to the 2018 polls when the Grand Old Party got into a quandary over the Veerashaiva-Lingayat issue. The opposition party is treading carefully on the reservation demand even as it pulls out all stops to woo voters by announcing populist programmes.

However, it has its share of challenges, including ensuring unity among its leaders from the top to the grassroots level. That will be a concern even for Siddaramaiah, whose search for a safe seat ended in the faction-ridden district of Kolar. Siddaramaiah is banking on the caste arithmetic, but the BJP which is not a big force in the district, has already started the spade work to make the fight difficult for the Congress's CM aspirant. Taking the Panchamasali Lingayat community into confidence should be BJP's top priority before the issue gets completely out of hand and impacts its electoral prospects.

PSI scam accused to appear before CID

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CRIMINAL Investigation Department (CID), which is probing the PSI (police sub inspector) CET scam, has issued notice to RD Patil, who is one of the prime accused in the scam and was released by the Kalaburagi bench of high court on conditional bail, to appear before it in the CID camp office at Kalaburagi on Monday.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Prakash Rathod, the investigating officer of the case, issued the notice on Saturday evening.

He has said that in a video clip of RD Patil which went viral on Saturday Patil was heard saying that he has not gone anywhere.

The notice said that CID officials had visited Patil's house at 11.00 am on Saturday, and

they were there in front of the house till 7.00pm, but he didn't turn up after which, the notice has been served.

The notice stated that Patil is an accused under the Prevention of Corruption Act and was arrested by CID on charges of helping the candidates appear for the PSI common entrance test in Kalaburagi and a few other exam centres in exchange for hefty amounts. It is also alleged that Patil has supplied bluetooth devices to candidates, and has also helped candidates inside the exam hall also.

The CID has arrested over 40 persons, including middlemen, candidates and some police officers in connection with the scam, and they were in jail for over three months.

Most of the accused have secured conditional bail from district and high courts.

SCAM ACCUSED SAYS READY TO CONTEST ELECTION



Kalaburagi: A PSI CET scam accused, RD Patil has expressed interest to contest from Afzalpur constituency in the upcoming Assembly elections. In a video, Patil is heard saying that he will contest in the upcoming polls from Afzalpur constituency if the people want him to. The video went viral on Saturday. "The rumours that I ran away pushing the CID officials when they came to my house were wrong. It is not possible to go against CID," he is heard saying in the video. Patil claimed that he respects the law, and was made a scapegoat in a political conspiracy. The conspirators might have felt they will get defeated in the elections if he contested in the Assembly elections as he and his brother do social service, Patil says in the video. "I am not afraid of false charges against me and my followers should not get scared," Patil said in his statement. "CID officers were telling me that I am not cooperating with them after coming out on bail, but it is false," he said. **ENS**

Gowda writes to PM over VISL closure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Shivamogga

FORMER prime minister H D Deve Gowda has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to withdraw the closure order pertaining to Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISL), Bhadravathi.

In his letter, Gowda said VISL, a public sector undertaking, was established by the great visionary and engineer-statesman Bharat Rathna M Visvesvaraya. VISL, which was started as Mysore Wood Distillation Plant in 1918 and later on became Mysore Iron and Steel Works, was renamed Mysore Iron and Steel Limited (MISL). MISL was a unit of the state government till 1989 after which it became a subsidiary of the Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL). VISL became a complete unit of SAIL in 1998.

"In my tenure as prime minister, I had taken the initiative to merge VISL with SAIL in 1996 after which it became a unit of SAIL. The main intention of the



Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant in Bhadravathi | EXPRESS

merger with SAIL was to upgrade technology through managerial support for the modernisation of VISL with an investment of Rs650 crore. However, it didn't materialise," Gowda rued in the letter.

The former PM said due to certain constraints the factory was facing in 2016, NITI Aayog had referred it for privatisation under the disinvestment policy and invited an Expression of Interest (EOI). Due to the lack of interest from private players, the Ministry of Finance's DIPAM has decided to annul the EOI and terminated the transaction of strategic dis-

vestment of VISL.

Highlighting the massive capability of VISL to produce more than 700 grades of alloy and special steels catering to the requirements of ordnance factories, nuclear complexes, wheel and axle units, automobiles etc, Gowda said there is a dire need for the revival of the unit by making investments. Further, the extent of 150-acre captive iron ore mines have been allocated to VISL in the Ramanadurga area of the Ballari district and the process to start mining is at an advanced stage. The mine is expected to be operational by 2024," Gowda pointed out.

Gowda said VISL is the only public-sector steel plant in Karnataka. "If VISL is closed, it will adversely affect 20,000 families. I sincerely hope that with a few crores of investment, this company can be transformed into a profitable venture and can further contribute to the development of Atma Nirbhar Bharat by catering to defence, nuclear, automobile, railway sectors etc.," he said.



Judges being felicitated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Need judgments in Kannada: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

STRESSING that various courts should have judgments in Kannada, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in many cases, confusion arose due to lack of this. "There should be a provision to translate judgments and orders in Kannada. The same has to be sent to all court libraries for more reach," he said during an award ceremony for judges and advocates organised by the Kannada Development Authority in Bengaluru on Sunday.

The CM said there is a need for a Kannada dictionary on

various laws and an expert committee has to be constituted to publish a law dictionary.

"Many legal terms are used on a day-to-day basis. There is a need to publish a dictionary so that Kannada words for some legal terminology can be used. This will help judges and others. There are no equivalent words in Kannada for many judgements," Bommai said.

The CM said law knowledge should not be restricted only to advocates, but should be available for administrators too. He also said it is not an easy task to give judgments or orders in Kannada.

EXPRESS READ

Remove 40% BJP govt in Karnataka: CITU

Bengaluru: Raising the '40 per cent commission' allegation, Centre for Indian Trade Union (CITU) state general secretary Meenakshi Sundaram gave a call to the working class to remove the Basavaraj Bommai government. Speaking at CITU's five-day 17th Annual All India Conference that concluded at the National College grounds here on Sunday, he said a massive protest rally will be organised on February 5 as a warning for the BJP, Congress and JDS for their "anti-people" policies. Other speakers, including CITU national vice-president S Varalakshmi, attacked the BJP over its divisive politics based on religion. **ENS**



Nothing succeeds like success

Former minister and seven-time MLA Roshan Baig's house has been brimming with visitors since Sunday morning. The house, that used to wear a deserted look for years following his links to the IMA scam, is suddenly full of supporters and well-wishers. In fact, on Saturday too, well past midnight, there were large throngs of visitors eagerly waiting to meet Baig. The secret behind this rush: The special court order. No sooner was the court order cancelling attachment of Baig's properties made public, cars began pulling up, and there was a struggle to find parking space. Nothing succeeds like success, even success in the court room.

The maa and sasumaa of BJP mahilas



During an interaction with BJP General Secretary (Organisation) B L Santhosh, BJP Mahila Morcha delegates from across the country took up various issues in organising the party. Dr Mamatharani said there was a lack of coordination in Bihar and Punjab, to which Santhosh replied that when there is "lack of coordination between husband and wives despite living together for decades, it's but natural in a heterogenous group in a political party. You should be large-hearted to listen to fellow workers, shed ego..." In her vote of thanks, BJP Mahila Morcha national president Vanathi Srinivasan expressed her gratitude to Santhosh. "We disturb him whenever we need guidance... he is like both maa and sasumaa for us. At maa's home, we leisurely have chai made by maa, and at sasumaa's house, we serve chai," she remarked. The biggest applause was for late Sushma Swaraj's daughter Bansuri, who got accolades for her mother's contribution to the party and country. Looks like the maa/sasumaa is on her side, said one politician.

Parties far from the finish line

With Karnataka going for assembly polls in April/May, political pundits are busy gazing into the crystal ball and reading the tea leaves. Forget about simple majority, the magic number of 113 seems way out for all parties. The reality is that of 224 seats, BJP is comfortable in 56 seats, Congress in 53 seats and JDS in 28 seats. For the remaining seats, the three parties have to slug it out, and it also depends on the performance of Kejriwal's AAP, SDPI, Gali Janardhana Reddy's newly floated party, Owaisi's AIMIM and BSP. Meanwhile, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president Revanth Reddy dropped a bombshell: that Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao offered a Karnataka Congress leader Rs 500 crore to defeat the Congress in 30 seats. The people of Karnataka are closely watching, and could gird up to teach all parties a lesson.

STAR ATTRACTION

People throng to see ₹20-cr dog at Ballari Utsav

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

ON the second day of Ballari Utsav on Sunday, thousands of people thronged to see probably the country's most expensive dog, a Caucasian shepherd -- worth around Rs 20 crore and owned by Bengalurean Satish.

Satish said the dog, Cadabom Hayder, is 14 months old and is a rare breed in India. Recently, a Hyderabad-based businessman offered to pay Rs 20 crore for the dog, he added.

"At present, it is the most expensive dog in the country. I spend around Rs 2,000 every day on its maintenance. We transported it from Bengaluru

to Ballari in a high-end, air-conditioned car. Earlier, I had a Korean dosa mastiff worth around Rs 1 crore and an Alaskan malamute worth Rs 8 crore. I also have two Caucasian shepherd puppies and people are asking me to sell them for Rs 5 crore each," he added.

A senior district administration officer said, "We requested Satish to participate in the Utsav. Best three dogs in various categories will be given prizes at the closing ceremony." Fifty-five breeds of dogs participated in the dog show.

A curious local MLA Somashekar Reddy too took photos with Cadabom Hayder.



The Caucasian shepherd, called Cadabom Hayder, was the cynosure of all eyes at the Ballari Utsav on Sunday | EXPRESS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

FORMER American President Barack Obama once said, "There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter, it all matters." In India, there was a time when the woman voter was treated as a "non-entity" in elections. But as and when women became educated and empowered, the trend changed. Experts and political analysts say the woman voter is now the deciding factor, and every political party is redesigning its manifesto to make it suitable for women voters.

Data available with the Election Commission of India shows the trend of women voters rising in India. Polls were first held in 1952, and data of women voters is available since 1962, when the polling percent of men was 63.3 per cent, whereas women accounted for just 46.6 per cent – a difference of 16.7 per cent. The difference started coming down over the years, and in 2009, was down to 4.4 per cent. In 2014, the difference between men and women voters was just 1.5 per cent. Interestingly, in 2019, the gender gap witnessed a reverse trend. For the first time, women voters outnumbered male voters by 0.17 per cent.

In Karnataka, there has been an increase in women voters. The first data available with the Election Commission says the then Mysuru State saw 52.79 per cent women voting in the assembly polls, while 64.86 per cent men cast their vote. Since then, the percentage of women voters increased drastically, but male voters rose slightly. In 2018, women's voting percentage increased to 71.52, while men's percentage remained 72.67. The trend of women coming out to vote increased since 1994 in Karnataka.

Experts point out that women voters made a difference when Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Narendra Modi were prime ministerial candidates. Most voters go by party. Traditionally, women voters did not come out to vote, but started stepping out after electronic media began widely advertising women's rights. This is why post the 1990s, there is an increase in the number of women voters. Another reason is that women who went to school and college in the 1970s were educated, and realised the value of voting. However, in the Karnataka assembly polls, there is no trend like the Lok Sabha elections.

In Karnataka too, there has been an improvement in the voter gender ratio – it was 958 women per 1000 men in the 2013



WOMAN VOTER A BIG FACTOR

assembly polls, and is 984 women per 1000 men in 2023. In all, 2.13 crore women voters were registered in 2013, which increased to 2.44 crore in 2018. According to data released by the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, the state registered 5.05 crore voters, of whom 2.54 crore are male and 2.50 crore are female. There is a difference of around 3.55 lakh voters. Data also says there are more women voters in 17 divisions, especially in the North Karnataka districts of Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Kalaburagi, Koppal and Uttara Kannada, along with Mysuru, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Shivamogga and Udupi.

A study by Delhi-based Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality (CSGS) points out that less than one per cent of voters go by the manifestos put out by political parties. This means that people do not see the announcements made by parties. In Karnataka, both national political parties are on spree of giving freebies for women – while the Gruhalakshmi scheme which gives Rs 2000 to homemakers was announced by AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at a big event, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced Gruhini Shakti, a similar scheme of Rs 2000 per month for homemakers.

Leader's charisma and liquor ban

Experts also point out that there are various reasons why women voters come out in large numbers, or even come to poll-

VOTE PERCENTAGE IN K'TAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS		
YEAR	MEN	WOMEN
2004	67.05	62.92
2008	66.20	63.10
2013	72.30	70.46
2018	72.67	71.52

ing booths. A charismatic leader of a political party – if he or she announces schemes for women or women empowerment – makes a difference, as during the elections of Indira Gandhi and Narendra Modi. Also, if women learn that a particular political party gives more representation to them, they vote for it. This happened during Manmohan Singh's period when the Congress announced 33 per cent reservation for women. There is an increase in youngsters voting, and more women young voters post 2014. Apart from this, if the constituency is represented by a woman, there is an increase in women voters.

In assembly polls of many states, including Bihar, Rajasthan and even Odisha, during the 2014 polls, women played a big role as more came out to vote. In a study conducted by Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, in case of regional parties, political leaders' announcements which target women make a difference. This was proved during the rule of Jayalalithaa in Tamil Nadu, and NT Ramrao and Chandrababu Naidu in Andhra. Most of the women voted for these regional political parties as there

was direct transfer of benefits to women.

In Karnataka too, when HD Kumaraswamy's Janata Dal (Secular) government announced a liquor ban, there was a good number of women voters, but this might not be applicable to national parties. However, there was no decisive voting by women in favour of any political party in Karnataka.

There has been a change in priority for women voters over a period of time. During Indira Gandhi's regime, women would vote if she would go to the people and take part in traditional rituals. It also worked for Sushma Swaraj, who would take part in pujas in Ballari, and people there accepted her. But over a period of time, many schemes, including 'Thaali Bhagya' by the Siddaramaiah government, did not make any difference to women voters. In fact, many such schemes failed to woo women voters.

Urban and rural voter

When it comes to differences between urban and rural women voters, those in urban areas are largely democratic, where individuals or family members can vote for any party, according to their choice. But in rural areas, the patriarchal system works, where the vote is cast for the party and candidate decided by the head of the family.

Women voters played a major role in the victory of Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh and Nitish Kumar in Bihar. Women, especially in rural areas, buy the idea of a liquor ban, as addiction among men causes many problem in their family life. Experts point out that women voters, unlike men, do not vote for those who give money or liquor. Across the globe, women traditionally vote for political parties that they think bring change or affect their immediate family members, whether it is education or health. Like any product sold in the market, voters are also wooed by political parties with programmes and policies. These are seen as commodities which voters choose. Under this, women voters as buyers are much more responsible.

Prof Harish Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor of Raichur University who earlier served as professor in the Department of Political Science at Karnataka University, termed the voters' dilemma being similar to the 'bridegroom dilemma' theory. "Each family member gives suggestions, but it is he who has to decide," he said.

With polls just a few weeks away, each political party is trying to woo voters, both women and men, but the ballot remains in the hand of the voter. It's a wait and watch game.

Congress names former Union min Elangovan for Erode by-election

S KUMARESAN @ Chennai

FORMER Union Minister **EVKS Elangovan** has been named the Congress party's candidate for the February 27 Erode (East) bypoll under the DMK alliance. A press statement of AICC issued on Sunday, signed by general secretary Mukul Wasnik, said, "The Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has approved the candidature of EVKS Elangovan as Congress candidate for the ensuing by-election."

The bypoll was announced by the Election Commission days ago following the death of the constituency MLA E Thirumahan Everaa, son of Elangovan, on January 4 at the age of 46. A senior func-



tionary said the party has chosen Elangovan considering his seniority and popularity. The 74-year old Elangovan is a former MLA and MP and was a union minister of state (commerce and industry) in the UPA regime.

Though most of the party seniors expected Sanjay Sampath, brother of Thirumahan Everaa, to be the party candidate, AICC has picked EVKS Elangovan. Party sources said the move is aimed at countering the influence of Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader K Selvaperunthagai.

Elangovan hails from Erode and is from social reformer Thanthai Periyar's family. Elangovan had himself said in the last few days that he was not interested in contesting the bypoll and wanted his younger son Sanjay Sampath to get the seat. Sanjay Sampath had also submitted his willingness to contest the bypoll to party-in-charge Dinsh Gundurao.



MYRIAD COLOURS

A kite on display at the 11th edition of the Belagavi International Kite Festival on Sunday | KPN

1 dead, 5 hurt after tractor carrying cane falls on shed

ENS @ Belagavi

A WOMAN died on the spot while five others sustained injuries after a tractor carrying sugarcane fell on a shed at Shighihalli KS village of Bailhongal taluk, Belagavi district, on Sunday.

The tractor was pulling two trolleys loaded with sug-

arcane which fell on the shed owned by one Ajappa Badiger while negotiating a curve. The shed collapsed killing the woman and injuring five others. The deceased has been identified as Gangavva Kammar (62).

Also, six goats which were tied inside the house died in the accident.

Hit by mobile thief, man falls to death from train in TN

GAUTHAM SELVARAJAN @ Chennai

A 24-year-old worker from West Bengal died near Korukkupet on Saturday after he fell off a moving train after being hit by a mobile phone snatcher waiting near the tracks.

According to the Railway Police, Rony Sheik was on his way to Chennai from Howrah along with his relative on Coromandel Express when he was attacked by the unidentified thief. He was heading for Kerala for a construction job. "Around 4.30pm on Saturday, when the train was moving on the Korukkupet-Basin Bridge stretch, an unidentified man standing near the railway tracks hit Rony, who was sitting on the footboard, with his hand and his mobile phone fell off the train. Rony too lost his balance and fell to the ground. The man then fled from the spot with the mobile phone," a railway police officer said.

After passersby informed the Railway Police, they rushed Rony to Stanley Hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. A case has been registered.

In a similar incident on Friday, a CISF constable had complained that he was pushed off a moving train near Korukkupet by an unidentified man who allegedly stole his mobile phone.

MARATHON TASK

Jumbo operation succeeds, Palakkad Tusker-7 caught

A SATISH @ Palakkad

SEVENTY-TWO forest department personnel, three kumki elephants, one target: PT-7 (Palakkad Tusker-7).

After an intense operation spanning 10 hours, forest officials led by chief veterinary surgeon Arun Zachariah tranquillised and caged the wild jumbo, which had been giving sleepless nights to residents, on Sunday morning. Tranquilised in a forest area between Mundur and Dhoni, around 2km away from human habitation, PT-7 was shifted to a kraal (elephant cage) in Dhoni.

The tracking and darting teams had launched efforts to trap the jumbo from dawn on Saturday. However, they could not make any headway as the animal moved into dense forests and stood on steep terrain that made shooting tranquillisers a challenging task.

Confident that the jumbo would return for food, a rapid response team (RRT) camped in the forest for the night. Around 3am on Sunday, forest personnel received information that the elephant was in the Korma area near Mundur. The RRT started monitoring its movements. The elephant entered a teak plantation nearby. The team led by Zachariah reached the spot. At 7.12am, the first tranquilliser dart left the gun. It found its target, find the elephant's left earlobe. Startled, PT-7 ran for around 10 minutes before



After an intense operation spanning 10 hours, forest officials finally caught PT-7 | EXPRESS

coming to a halt. Realising that one dart was not enough, Zachariah shot another tranquilliser dart at 8.04am. It did the trick. The elephant was sedated.

Other members of the team, who were waiting in the bushes and behind trees some 50m to 75m away from the scene, sprang into action. Led by their mahouts, three kumki elephants – Bharathan, Vikram and Surendran – brought from Muthanga wildlife sanctuary surrounded the jumbo and stood guard as the team covered the motionless jumbo's eyes with a black cloth to prevent the sunlight from hitting its eyes and provoking it.

A lorry, crane and JCB were brought near the spot after felling some trees. The kumki elephants took charge. Bharathan and Vikram stood on either sides, while Surendran nudged PT-7 from behind, towards the lorry. By 11am, the animal was loaded onto the lorry. Around 12 noon, the lorry reached Dhoni.

No blood stains, pug marks, say foresters

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BUT forest officials also suspected a human sacrifice angle as it was no moon day on Saturday and requested Mysuru SP Seema Latkar to conduct further probe.

Foresters thought it was unusual that no blood stains of the victim were found on the track where the leopard is suspected to have dragged the boy for 1.5 km. They also did not find pug marks of the leopard near the boy.

In the first incident at Ukkalagere Sri Mallikarjuna Betta, where the leopard killed 19-year-old C Ma n - juaantha, the foresters had found blood stains, cloth and slippers, but in this case, there are no blood stains.

The swab and body samples of the victim have been sent to the lab to determine the exact cause of death. The foresters have formed a separate team to search for the head of the boy, which is missing.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

Duo, including Sri Lanka refugee, arrested for smuggling gutka

MADURAI: The Madurai police arrested two persons, including one from Sri Lanka, for smuggling 16.5 kg gutka in Madurai on Saturday. The arrested were identified as S Kasi Visavanthan (41) of Thirumangalam and S Rajesh (31) from Sri Lanka, whose Aadhaar card claims he was from Madurai. The police said the smuggling incident came to light during a vehicle check up. "Rajesh was interrogated as he was talking in Sri Lankan Tamil but claimed to be a citizen of India. His address proof, the Aadhaar card, lead to a lawyer's family, who has a history helping Lankan refugees to get into the country illegally," the police said.

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PART-A (only through E-PROCUREMENT)		
Sl.no	E-procurement Tender No	Work Description
1	IFT No: KMF/TCMU/PRO DN/013/2022-23	1. Procurement service of Insulated Road milk Tankers of different capacities for transportation of liquid milk from Tumkur Milk Union to other dairies within Karnataka and Outside Karnataka (Including Bombay Market Area Transportation) for a period of two years on Biennial rate contract basis as per Technical terms and conditions of the Tender Documents.

PART -B (only through E-PROCUREMENT)		
Sl.No	Description	Date/Time
01	Tender upload date	23-01-2023
02	Last date & time for receipt of tenders	24-02-2023 / 2.00 P.M
03	Time & date of opening of technical tender bid	27-02-2023 / 2.30 P.M
04	Web Site Address For E-tender	www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "e-Procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to e-Procurement's website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 4.00 pm on 23.01.2023. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bid against this enquiry No.SEE/AEE(C)/Trans/W&M/DVG/22-23/CYS-130 Dated 19.01.2023 for the works coming in the Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

Tenders will be accepted through e-procurement mode Only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> & click on to hyperlink e-procurement-kptcl to participate in e-procurement portal on or after 23.01.2023 at 11.00 a.m. onwards.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere.

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

No 10, 1st Floor, Indian Bank Buildings
K G Road, Bengaluru 560009

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, SAM Branch Bangalore, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07-02-2023 for recovery of Rs 77,20,911.03/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Eleven and paise Three only) as on 21-01-2023 with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch Bangalore Secured Creditor, from: 1.Kumar S S Shivanna, No.4047, Pranjani, 2nd Floor, 16th Cross, Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore 560078. 2.Mrs. Ramani Kumar W/o Kumar S, No.4047, Janani, 2nd Floor, 16th Cross, Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd stage, Bangalore 560078

The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Property	Prior Encumbrances on property	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid incremental amount	Date and time of e-auction	Property ID No
Property Situated at Apartment bearing No. 001, Ground Floor, measuring 1233 sq ft super build up area, SLV Raj Drive, with UDS of 435 sq ft at property bearing BIMP Khata No 724/100/8/9/17, 43rd, 44th or 38th Cross, 19th Main, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Survey No 100/8 and 91/7, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore. 560043 Boundaries: Property Boundary: East: Land in Survey No's 92,99 and 91/8, West: Land in Survey No 100/2, 100/4 and 91/5, North: BDA Road and thereafter remaining land in survey no 91/7 South: Land in Survey No 100/9, 10 and 11 Flat Boundary: East: Flat no 002, West: Open Space, North: Open Space, South: Open Corridor	NIL	Rs 54,50,000/-	Rs 5,45,000/-	Rs 10,000/-	07-02-2023 11.00 AM To 2.00 PM	IDIBSAM24

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-40602403/033-40067351/033-40628253/033-40645316/033-40645207/033-40609118 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapoin@mstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapoin@mstccommerce.com. For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number 18001025026 and 011-41106131.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Numbers as mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapi.in> and www.mstccommerce.com.

Date: 21-01-2023
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. E-Mail id: crmd@cityunionbank.in, Phone: 0435-2432322, Fax: 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.75,87,980/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty only)** as on 18-10-2022 together with further interest to be charged from 18-10-2022 onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors No.01 M/s. Vayuputra Service Station, No.89 Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.2 Mr. G. Ranjith, S/o. M. Govindaraju, No.8-10, 5th Cross, Prakruthi Nagar, Kogilu Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.3) Mr. M. Govindaraju, S/o. Late Jalge Munishamappa, No.8-10, 5th Cross, Prakruthi Nagar, Kogilu Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. M. Govindaraju, S/o. Late Jalge Munishamappa)

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.02, Katha No.01, Property situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Measuring: East to West - 25 ft. and North to South - 29 ft. = 725 Sq. ft. and bounded on the: East by - Road, West by - Munijappa Property, North by - P. Nagaraj Property, South by - Road and Aswath Kate.

Reserve Price: Rs.35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh only)

Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mr. M. Govindaraju, S/o. Late Jalge Munishamappa)

All that part and parcel of Property bearing Residential House, Katha No.223/82, Old Kaneshamur No.86 late 78 situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560064. Bounded on the: East by - Doddanarasappa's Property, West by - Road, North by - Road, South by - Prabhakar's House. Measuring: East to West - 46 Feet, North to South - 41 Feet.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,10,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
14-02-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Mobile No.9341005408.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A - Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560106. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the above and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-28463272, Mobile No.9341005408. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "Whatever there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 02.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 21-01-2023
Authorised Officer

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 43/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-01-2023

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ತರಕೆರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೂಡಿಗೆರೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು 17 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮ್ಯಾನುವರ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ (Standard Tender Document - KW - 1 & 4ಎಂ) ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಉತ್ತರಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಆರ್ಹತೆಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 2.50 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 150.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಮ್ಯಾನುವರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕರೆದಿರುವ 15-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಸುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24-01-2023 ಹಾಗೂ 25-01-2023ರಂದು ನಿಗದಿತ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿ ಪಾಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಫಾರಂ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ದಿನಾಂಕ 03-02-2023ರಂದು ಪಾಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಫಾರಂ ಪಡೆದು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-02-2023ರಂದು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 4.00 ರವರೆಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ 2 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದಿ: 31-01-2023 ಹಾಗೂ 1-ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ದಿ: 04-02-2023ರಂದು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 4.00 ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಿರಲಿ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಂದು ಆತ್ಮೀಕ ರವಾ ವಿಭಾಗ ಬಂದರೆ ಮರುದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಕ್ರಮಗಳೂರು

IDBI BANK
Regional Office, IDBI House, # 58, Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560 027. Phone: 080-61451322/24/25/26 Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8 (1)

A/c No: 0024675100025328 & 1544675100000143

Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 05.11.2022 calling upon the borrowers G. Sandeep S/o V.Gopal Naidu & Smt.G.Bhindurani D/o Gundu Gowda to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being Rs.43,78,262.86 (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Two hundred and Sixty Two and Eighty Six Paise only) as on 26/10/2021 + Applicable interest and charges thereon with effect from 27-10-2021 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned have taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 20th day of January, 2023.

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank Limited, for an amount of Rs.43,78,262.86/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Two hundred and Sixty Two and Eighty Six Paise only) as on 26/10/2021 + Applicable interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcels of the property bearing site no 92, with land area of 1023.58sqft and built up area of 1700 sqft situated at Sy no 45/2, New katha no 1578, Chandapura village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District in the state of Karnataka and is bounded by: East by: Boundary wall, West by: Plot No.91, North by: Boundary Wall, South by: 30 Feet Road

Date: 20.01.2023
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have default or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on Friday 03-02-2023 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. This would continue till the auction process is over.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
LABORATORY FOR ELECTRO-OPTICS SYSTEMS (LEOS)**
PEENYA, BANGALORE-560058. LEOS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (LCMG)
(Phone: (080)-22685088, 5193, 5093, 5086, Fax: (080)-28392310)

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)
On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tender are invited for the following works:

Name of the work: NIT No & Date : Annual operation and maintenance contract for HVAC Installation, Equipment's, Compressed Air Facility at LEOS, Peenya, Bangalore-560058. NIET No. LEOS/C&M/Manpower_O&M/AC/ETN-01/2023-24 Dtd: 16.01.2023 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. : Rs. 142.96 Lakhs EMD Rs: 2,86,000/- Period of Completion in months : 12 months** Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date : 23.01.2023 Closing Date : 06.02.2023**

Name of the work: NIT No & Date : Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Air Cooled High Efficiency outdoor Condensing Units and Cooling coil for MEMS Cleanroom at LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bengaluru-560058. NIET No. : LEOS/C&M/G/AC/MEMS/CleanroomRetrofit/2022-23 Dtd: 16.01.2023 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. : Rs. 23.85 Lakhs EMD Rs: 47,700/- Period of Completion in months : 03 months** Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date : 23.01.2023 Closing Date : 06.02.2023**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details at the website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
-Sd/- GROUP DIRECTOR CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (C&M) URSC, BANGALORE.

IDFC First Bank Limited

(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel: +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022



Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	10049577103	Home Loan	1. H D Vishwanath 3. Sunitha H 5. M/s Shree Eshwar Travels Private Limited	29.12.2022	INR 1,28,53,471.00/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Site No.2047, Block No. 9 In Jayanagar Extension Formed And Developed By The Then Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board Now Called As Bangalore Development Authority, Presently The Property Is Within The Administrative Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old Ward No. 64 Gurupanna Palya, New Ward No. 170, Jayanagar East And Has Assigned Municipal New No. 114 (old No. 2047), Pid No. 64-136-114 Situated At East End B Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 48.00 Feet And North To South: 30.00 Feet, In All Measuring 1440 Sq. Ft., And Bounded As: East: Road, West: Site No. 1755, North : Site No. 2046, South : Site No. 2048

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Date : 23.01.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
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1	10001703145	Home Loan	1. Karunakar P 2. Preethi K	29.12.2022	INR 58,65,070.34/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Unit/apartment Bearing No. A-21, On 2nd Floor, Measurins 3215 Sq. Ft. (super Built-up Area), Comprising Foyer, Living, Dining, 4 Bedrooms, 4 Toilets, 1 Powder Room, 1 Balcony, Kitchen, Utility, Servant Room & Washroom, Situated On Second Floor, Together With Two (2 Nos) Covered Car Parking Space In The Basement In Multistoried Residential Building "legacy Celino", Constructed On Land Bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 15/69/1, Carved Out Of Erstwhile Sy. No. 69/1, Situated At Dasarahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore., And Bounded As: Bounded Of The Entire Land- East: Land Bearing Sy.No.69/10, West: 60 Feet. Wide Government Main Road And Remaining Portion Of Same Property, North : Land Bearing Sy. No. 68 And Remaining Portion Of Same Property, South : 60 Feet Wide Government Main Road & Portion Of Land Bearing Sy.No.69/2 Bounded Of The Flat No. A-21:- East: Common Area And Apartment No. B-21, West : Open Space And Fencing Of Legacy Celino, North : Open Space And Fencing Of Legacy Celino, South : Open Space And Fencing Of Legacy Celino

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Date : 23.01.2023
Place : Bangalore.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Malleshwaram Branch : NO 16/12, Nagarathna Nilaya, 1st Floor 1st A Cross, 2nd Main, 150 Feet Ring Road, Nandhini Layout 2nd Block, Opposite to Rajkumar Smarak / Nr Kanteerva studio, Bangalore - : 560096.
Hosakote Branch : 2nd Floor, Hlg Complex, Old Rmc Complex, K R Road-562114,(KA).
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180, Amrutha, 5th Main, 4th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011,(KA).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(Combine Loan Code_No. 18900005123 Malleshwaram Branch) Muniraja C (Borrower) Venkatamma S (Co Borrower)	Property bearing NA Site No.20, Town Municipal Katha No.379/11/12/2, Ward No.23, Near Aalada Mara, Dandupalya, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore - 562114, Karnataka. Bounded on: East by : Site No.24, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No.21 and South by : Site No.19.	12-10-2022 ₹ 10,88,480.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Only.)	20-01-2023
2	(Combine Loan Code_No. 26200000008 Hosakote Branch) Satish N (Borrower) Lakshamma M (Co Borrower) Mahesh S (Guarantor)	Janjar No.174, Property No.68, Yanagunte Village, Sulbele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bengaluru - 562114, Karnataka. Bounded on: East by : Land of Chikkanna, West by : Site belongs to Tammanna, North by : Site belongs to B. Lakshmaiah and South by : Vacant (Govt) Land.	12-10-2022 ₹ 8,30,521.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Only.)	20-01-2023
3	(Combine Loan Code_No. 18800004046 Jayanagar Branch) Noorif Basha (Borrower) Norunissa Begam (Co Borrower)	Property bearing NA Site No.9A, NA survey No.63/2, measuring East to West 20-00 Feet, North to South 40-00 Feet, total 800 Sq. Feet, situated at Present BBMP Ward No.40, Doddabidarakalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560073, Karnataka. Bounded on: East by : Site No.9, West by : Site No.10, North by : Other's Property and South by : Road.	12-10-2022 ₹ 7,06,373.00 (Rupees Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Three Only.)	19-01-2023

Place : Malleshwaram, Hosakote and Jayanagar
Date : 23.01.2023



Authorized Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

LOST DOCUMENT

I, Parveez Sultan would like to inform the general public that I've misplaced my original sale deed doc bearing No KCH-1-05823-2015-16 registered at nagawara sub registrar office, if anyone finds it, kindly contact me at 9342244325 within 15 days from the date of issue of this ad.

Ali Mohammed, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Manjula W/o Jaganmohan E. and Jaganmohan E. S/o. G. Elumalai Residing at No.1691 2nd Main, 3rd Cross Shivaramaya Layout, SL Thomas Town Post Near H.P. Petrol Bunk Kacharakanahalli, Horamanga Bangalore-560043. I have lost my Original Registered Sale deed executed on dated 24.02.2006 Doc. No.2087/2006-06 for Property bearing Site No.41, Katha No.1691/2221, Old Katha No.530, formed out of property nos.94, 95, 98 & 99, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 2400 sq feet. Situated at Doddababli Village, Biscarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore while taking photocopy in Xerox Shop. If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims, along with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding. Deepa A.M. Advocate KAR/4742012, No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040 Bangalore, Dated:21.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shivnagouda Tarenannanavar C/o Pandarogouda Residing at No.120 Haggedala, Haggedala Hungunda Near Government School Ramawadga, Ramawadga, Bagalkot, Karnataka-587118. I have lost my Original Registered Sale deed executed on dated-15/07/2004 Doc No.945/2004-05 and Original Registered Sale deed executed on dated-01/04/2000 Doc No.6200-01 for property bearing Site No.86, Katha No.322, measuring east to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, Situated at Hurechikkannahalli Village, Hesarahatti Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, While Shifting House. If any person/institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims, along with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding. Deepa A.M. Advocate KAR/4742012, No.6, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore 560040 Bangalore, Dated:21.01.2023

IN THE COURT OF THE JUDGE AT BANGALURU C. MISC. NO. 7755/2022

BETWEEN: 1) Raksha A. S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 30 years, 2) Nagaraja S. S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 54 years, 3) Mahadevaiah, S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 50 years, 4) Yashoda, S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 45 years, 5) Ravi N. S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 40 years, 6) Ravi N. S/o. Late Narasimhamurthy, aged about 40 years, 7) J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560078. PETITIONERS AND THE Counterclaimers, THE REGISTRAR OF BRITHS & DEATHS, Sd/- Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, the petitioners named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to register the date of death of the deceased who is the father of all the petitioners by name as Late NARASIMHAMURTHI, S/o. Late Manjunappa who died on 05/10/19 at No. 42, Kothanur Main Road, Puttenhalli, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560078 and to issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate. It is requested to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits. Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m. on 13-02-2023 to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal on this 21-01-2023.
Advocate for Petitioner: Sd. Venkatesh M. No. 8, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, near Government Hostel Building, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-560 009.

IN THE COURT OF THE HONBLE DISTRICT MUNSIF AT KATPADU VELLORE DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

Original Suit No.106 of 2021

N.R. Krishnamoorthi and three others ... Plaintiffs

-Vs- N.K. Parvatihammal and 3 others ... Defendants

To, N.K. Parvatihammal, W/o. Late N.R. Kesaveulu, No.283, 12th Main, 6th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560 010, Madam, This is for your kind information please take notice that the suit filed by N.R. Krishnamoorthi and others of Chennaiyanagapalli Village Gudiyatham Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, Against you as a 1st defendant in the above said Court for declaration and for permanent injunction, mandatory injunction was coming up on 02.02.2023 for your personal appearance or through your counsel on above said date 02.02.2023 at 10.30 a.m. before the Hon'ble District Munsif Court, Katpadi, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu failing which you are set ex-parte and ex-parte decree will be passed against you by the above said court.

G. JAYACHANDRAN, Advocate Gudiyatham, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu. Cell: 9486254229

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice issued to the General public, the undersigned had lost the Original Registered Sale Deed 18-03-2005, Document bearing No. KR/1-36946-2004-05, Stored in C2 No. KR/124 and registered in the office of Sub-registrar Krishnarajappa, Bangalore, in respect of the immovable property bearing Site No.74, Old Property No.573, Katha No.170/2, Situated at Kalki Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 54-56.52 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, in all measuring 1934 Sq.fts. and in this regard I filed an S.O.SIT REPORT through online bearing No.0450765/2023, dated 20.01.2023. If any person got or traced out of the aforesaid original document, please return/handover the same to the undersigned or to the nearest police. Further if any person having any type of claim, right or interest in this regard or over the aforesaid property may kindly contact and lodge the same with documentary proof to the undersigned within SEVEN DAYS of this publication failing which I will treat the certified copy of the above mentioned document as original.

Sd/- Mr. Manoj Chuzhukunil Anil Mathew R/nd No.12, Oil Mill Road, Peace Layout, Arund Nagar, St Thomas Town Post, Bangalore, Mob: 8553546495, 9091936316.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id: crmd@cityunionbank.in, Phone: 0435-2432322, Fax: 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (B) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of Rs.2,52,20,524/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on 09-10-2022 together with further interest to be charged from 10-10-2022 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the guarantors / guarantors No.1) M/s. Santhosh Traders, No.1151, 4th Main Road, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022 No.2) Mr. S. Rajesh, S/o. Sukhraj, No.42, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053 No.3) Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal, No.42, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053 No.4) Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh, No.42, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053.

Note:- That our 054-Bangaluru-Sultanpet Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR-501812080079839) dated 06.07.2021 requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos.2 & 3 of you as Partner for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants for the facility for a total amount of Rs.14,00,000/- at a ROI of 13%. The same has been also classified as NPA on 03-11-2022 and the outstanding balance as on 09-10-2022 is Rs.16,75,100/- plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 10-10-2022 till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Middle Portion out of the Three Portions of whole Property bearing Municipal No.42, later No.54, Present Municipal No.42, later No.54, Present Municipal No.42, situated at Gejebatesetty Lane, Cottonpet, Bangalore, Measuring: East to West -20 ft, North to South -21.6 ft, in all measuring 432 sq.ft. and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Property of Shankar, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs.60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)

Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh)

All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of the Property No.61, PID No.10-10-6/1, situated 2nd Cross, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, measuring: East to West : 30 ft, North to South : 27½ sq.ft. in all measuring 825 sq.ft. and bounded on the: East by: Link Road leading to APMC Yard, West by: APMC Retaining Wall, North by: Remaining Property of No.6, South by: Property belonging to APMC.

Reserve Price: Rs.78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Only)

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
14-02-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OT Road, Chikpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell No.9342874656.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

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Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 21-01-2023

Authorized Officer

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (B) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of Rs.73,02,382/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Two Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Two only) as on 12-06-2022 together with further interest to be charged from 13-06-2022 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) M/s. K.B.S. Engineering Works, No.52, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Kote Street, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560064. No.2) Mr. G. Muniraju, S/o. Mr. Gopalappa, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. No.3) Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. Mr. G. Muniraju, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.

Note:- That our 237-Bangaluru Yelahanka Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR-501812080059395) dated 30-12-2019 requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.3 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of Rs.11,50,000/- at a ROI of 15.75%. The same has been also classified as NPA on 04-05-2020 and the outstanding balance as on 12-06-2022 is Rs.17,20,592/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Two only) plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 13-06-2022 till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A: (Properties Owned by Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. Mr. G. Muniraju)

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1B, measuring 0-14 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by: Private Property, West by: Sy.No.2/1 of H. Ramaiah, North by: Mysore Road, South by: Sy.3/1A.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1C, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by: Sy. No.4/1, West by: Property of Chikkannamiah and Muddappa, North by: Sy. No.3/1A, South by: Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.5, measuring 0-16.85 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by: Rajakalav / Nala, West by: Sy. No.3/1C, North by: Sy. No.4, South by: Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.2/1, measuring 0-3/1 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by: Sy. No.3/1B, West by: Remaining property in Sy. No.2/1 belonging to Bettagowda, North by: Mysore Road, South by: Sy.No.3/1C.

Schedule - B

All that piece and parcel of 567 sq. feet undivided right title and interest in the Schedule "A" property.

Schedule-C

Apartment No.202, on First Floor measuring super built-up area of 1,350 Sq. ft. in the building called "RADIANT KAREL" being constructed on the Schedule A property with the Floors, Ceiling and Walls within jointly belonging to such Apartment owners equally along with Common rights in respect of Common areas and Amenities with one covered Car Parking Area.

Reserve Price: Rs.43,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Only) (For Schedule - A, B & C)

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
14-02-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406.

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— Ramnath Goenka

NO WRIGGLE ROOM FOR GOVT AFTER FRESH SC REITERATIONS

One interesting fallout from the Centre's intransigence on the issue of judges appointing judges was the Supreme Court collegium issuing detailed explanations on fresh reiterations of five candidates for the judgeship in high courts. Its total demolition of the government's reservations that cited inputs from intelligence agencies about them was unprecedented. This was also the first time the collegium was coaxed into putting its reasoning in the public domain in over three years. The rare gust of transparency contrasted against the SC collegium's otherwise opaque recommendations, as the court generally puts up bland lists of the chosen ones for promotion, transfer, or both on its website. The other aspect that stood out was its emphasis on competence, merit and integrity while refusing to read meaning into the sharp social media posts they might have made against the government of the day. That the candidates had no overt affiliation with any political party or any other biases were factors. But as it pointed out, all citizens have the right to free speech and expression.

On a different note, the parents of three of the five candidates are retired judges—Saurabh Kirpal's dad is former Chief Justice of India B N Kirpal; Amitesh Banerjee is the son of former SC judge U C Banerjee; and Sakya Sen's dad is Shyamal Sen, retired Allahabad High Court Chief Justice. A lazy inference would be of nepotism, but the collegium was impressed by their core competencies in the Bar and inferred they would enrich the bench. The BJP's antipathy for Justice Banerjee is known, as a probe commission headed by him ruled out any conspiracy angle in the Sabarmati Express blaze that killed 58 kar sevaks in Godhra in 2002. Lalu Yadav appointed the panel during his tenure as railways minister in UPA-I. As for Sakya Sen, this was his third reiteration, drawing an angry comment from the collegium that it was not open to the law department to send back a reiterated file for fresh consideration repeatedly.

Saurabh Kirpal's reiteration made the biggest headlines because if appointed, he would be India's first openly gay judge of a high court. The collegium gave him credit for being open about his sexual orientation and dismissed objections about his partner being a Swiss national. After these reiterations, the government has no room to stall. It must quickly announce the appointments and uphold the majesty of the judiciary.

HELP EXPORTERS BRACE PRESSURES ON TRADE

India's merchandise exports shrank 12.2% last December—the second contraction in three months. The decline appears broad-based, with as many as 19 of the 30 key segments, like petroleum products, drugs and pharmaceuticals, witnessing a drop. Notwithstanding two months of contraction, private estimates peg India's exports to grow by 1.5–2% in FY23, with Q4 numbers likely neutralising the decline. But the bad news is 2023 spells greater pressures for India's trade, with key markets heading into a recession and exports becoming a casualty. FY22 has been a remarkable fiscal with total trade cracking the \$1 trillion milestone and exports touching \$422 billion. Even though oil prices are regaining their obedience to ease import pressures, exports are at real risk. This is when a chunk of growth is expected from exports, one of the few sectors to clock growth even during the Covid-19 years. India must maintain the momentum now.

Despite the easing commodity prices, concerns surrounding the widening export-import gap due to recessionary fears persist. Last October, warning about a 'darkened 2023', the WTO projected global trade growth to drop to 1% from 3.5% in 2022. The Ministry of Finance concurred the following month, confirming a likely hit on our exports. Helpfully, RBI's lead indicators suggest India's Current Account Deficit (CAD)—which peaked at an all-time quarterly high in Q2, FY23—to reduce in 2023. This is welcome news, given the government's chief economic advisor's indications last November that CAD will likely close FY23 at a decadal high of over 3%, up from 1.2% in FY22.

While services exports and remittance inflows cushioning CAD from the goods trade imbalance may have influenced RBI's latest reading, the fact remains that India must be in lockstep with Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh and China, whose exports surged in the past two years. The commerce ministry is believed to be working on a comprehensive "country-wise, commodity-wise" analysis to boost exports. While at it, the government must use the forthcoming budget to address the long-pending demands of exporters, particularly MSMEs, and develop export logistics infrastructure, besides expanding the Production Linked Incentive scheme. Currently, India has 13 free trade agreements, but forging such alliances should be a continuous exercise. MSME exports alone account for about 45% of India's total exports and demand more thought and action.

QUICK TAKE

ENSURING SAFE TRUCKING

The Union government plans to define trucking hours for drivers to reduce accidents due to shut-eye at the wheel. The much-needed move will complement efforts to align India's highways with increasing average speed and shortening travel time. But the risk increases if drivers don't get adequate rest breaks between drives. There's no decent pay and social security either. Most drivers resort to alcohol or drugs to stay awake at night. Trucks must have electronic logging to monitor time and distance ratios. These efforts must sync with the national logistics policy unveiled recently for the safe movement of cargo and passengers.

Through all the highs and lows of the year gone by, one undeniable fact that has shone through is that electric mobility has taken on a commanding presence in our day-to-day lives. The revolution, in the larger scheme of things, is only in its infancy. However, India's electrification journey has not just truly begun, but is here to stay.

Even just a casual look at the numbers will reinstate the fact that electric vehicle adoption, be it four-, three-, two-wheelers, or buses, has seen a massive uptick over the past year or so. As an example, Hero Electric, India's pioneering electric two-wheeler manufacturer, clocked its highest ever calendar year volumes in 2022, with more than 1,00,000 units finding new homes across the year. This bodes well for our eventual target of being a net-zero carbon emissions economy in the not-so-distant future, not to mention the fact that it will fortify our standing in the years to come as a force to be reckoned with when it comes to the future of mobility.

Given all this, India finds itself in a very intriguing position in 2023. All signs point toward it being another landmark year in terms of electric vehicle adoption, and this will need another mighty push from a host of peripheral sectors.

With more electric vehicles on the road, our dependence on oil imports will begin to dwindle. This is significant given that we have incurred massive expenses to fuel our country up until now, and a bigger push toward electric mobility will see a welcome relief in that regard. This would substantially free up our foreign exchange reserves with the reduction of outflows for importing oil and other fuels.

With the way things are, the defining sector that will help carry this momentum is last-mile mobility, something that we at Hero Electric have been relentlessly chipping away at for a decade and a half! Thanks to our numerous partnerships with companies like Spotech Green Ventures, where we will deploy a fleet of over 5,000 vehicles over the next two years that will enable a cleaner last-mile delivery solution in Chennai. This is just one of the handful of such partnerships that is a clear step towards advancing our vision of achieving net-zero emissions, not to mention the fact that it will generate employment opportunities in the overall EV sector and enhance engineering skill sets in our country.

Even in terms of private vehicles, the year 2023 will see decisive growth in the mass-market category, as compared to

If we are to truly take a step forward, the country needs to leap into electric vehicle battery manufacturing

INDIA'S ROADMAP FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN 2023

NAVEEN MUNJAL

Managing Director of Hero Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd.



SOUMYADIP SINHA

premium electric vehicles (broadly following the trend of the conventional 2-W industry). Tier II and Tier III cities, more than big urban centers, are on track to see a significant rise in the adoption of electric two-wheelers. This can be put down to various factors such as a rise in understanding the benefits of running and operating an electric vehicle, fluctuating fuel prices, the undeniable cost benefit across the ownership term, and at the end of it all, doing our bit for the environment!

Perhaps the biggest factor to look out for is the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric vehicles (FAME) scheme, now in its second phase, which was set to run until March 31, 2022. But the government has taken a call to further extend the FAME India scheme phase till March 31,

2024. What this extension brings about is very valuable in terms of subsidies being offered to the customer to aid electric vehicle adoption. This is an important step because while the entry point for an electric vehicle is still on the higher side as compared to its ICE equivalents, as mentioned earlier, volumes, mass adoption, and large-scale component manufacturing will drive prices down, and subsidy plans like the FAME and PLI (Production Linked Incentive) schemes will only help in this regard.

As with any ambitious roadmap, there are a few key factors to focus on before reaching the end goal. For a start, electric vehicles might be on the rise, but this needs to correspond with a similar uptick in charging infrastructure and overall ecosystem for electric mobility. Consumers and

HOW A BUTCHER SCHOOLED THE SHORT-TEMPERED SCHOLAR

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE



have a lot of questions but I must get back to my duties. You have studied the holy books at great length but the meaning of *dharma* eludes you still. If you won't take it amiss, my advice to you as a well-wisher is that you seek out the wise butcher Dharma-vyadha. He will set your feet on the right path." She smiled and went away.



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Once, having stationed himself in the shade of a tree, he began to recite a portion of holy verses. He had barely begun when a sarus crane, perched high above him, innocently let fall its droppings on his head. Angered by this 'disrespect', Kausika glared at the bird with fury.

Kausika wondered what he could learn from a butcher. But his curiosity was fairly caught and he inquired about the butcher's whereabouts. As he approached the meat shop, the butcher glanced up and saw him.

"Welcome, O learned guest. I see that the good housewife directed you to me after you burned the bird with your gaze. Please come in."

Kausika was amazed. "This is my second big surprise," he told himself. The butcher took him home, seated him comfortably and went in to check if his elderly parents needed anything. He then asked how he could serve him. But Kausika had a question. "If you are such a virtuous person, why do you sell meat?" he asked.

"Learned guest, my family has sold meat for generations. There is nothing improper in this. This work, too, is part of society and

it is how I earn an honest living. It is not contrary to *dharma* or right conduct."

"Very well, my good man, please tell me what constitutes *dharma*," said Kausika.

"Practising *dharma* is a combination of two kinds of actions," said the butcher musily. "One is to hold back on negative emotions like anger, greed, jealousy, malice, unrestrained lust and untruth. The other is to be proactive in the things that build a good atmosphere and also make you feel well, things like politeness, kindness, compassion, giving gladly to the needy, being helpful and telling the truth—the virtues that hold society together."

"Hmm. Yes, that does make sense. But I am amazed that you knew about me and so did the housewife, as if by divine instinct. How did that happen?"

"It was intuitive awareness. May I give you some personal advice if you won't be offended?"

"Please do," said Kausika somewhat warily.

"You went away to fulfil your ambitions, did you not—leaving your old parents to fend for themselves? They are lonely, sick and afraid. It is good to have personal goals but we cannot abandon our personal duties either. I advise you to go home and look after them with loving kindness, not out of an arid sense of duty. If you can do that, the nature of *dharma* will light you up and you will never be angry or dejected. Active kindness will take you to true spiritual happiness."

Kausika winced. He thought of his mother and father trying not to weep inauspiciously when he left home without a backward glance. His mother had cooked his favourite food for his last meal at home and his father had fetched new upper and lower cloths for the *dakshina* or ceremonial present that Kausika would have to give the guru who accepted him.

Great waves of regret washed over Kausika, cleansing his soul of its hauteur. Well, if the holy books taught you one thing, it was not to flinch from the truth, however unpleasant, he thought ruefully. He took leave of the butcher with genuine affection and made his way home, feeling light as a cloud.

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The other Gandhi

Apropos of *Varun, the other Gandhi*, ploughs a lonely furrow (Jan 22). This interesting column by Shahid Faridi highlights the political profile of Varun Gandhi very vividly. Instead of opposing the bills from within the BJP, if Varun leaves the party and joins Rahul, his outspoken nature will reach a peak. However, what stance Rahul will take is a curious question.

Prasanna P, Tiruchy

Varun a misfit

Apropos of *Varun, the other Gandhi*, ploughs a lonely furrow (Jan 22). It appears that Varun Gandhi is a misfit in today's nitty-gritty politics which is infested with favouritism and nepotism. He has lofty ideals unlike his cousin, but smacks of wily wit. It's better he bids adieu to party and politics.

Ramalingeswara Rao, email

BBC's bias

Apropos of *BBC documentary an attack on India, not Modi*, says Dharmendra Pradhan (Jan 22). India is gaining prominence globally. The nation's economy is far better placed than the UK's. So it is natural that the BBC is unable to digest this. What is the need to raise an anti-Modi bogey now when the incident took place two decades ago? It is untenable on BBC's part for this character assassination of PM Narendra Modi in order to get a name globally.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Wages and law

Apropos of *Equal Opportunity, not freebies, will save the poor* (Jan 22). The column rightly pointed out the present need of the hour in our country, that is, raising wages through law. Once the wages are increased, the standard of living of the poor will improve and the economy will flourish. Taxing the rich and offering freebies to win elections will maintain the status quo.

Jayaraman CP, Chalakudi

Collegium system

Apropos of *What Is National Judicial Appointment Commission (NJAC)?* (Jan 22). As rightly mentioned in this article, the collegium system is not a creature of the Constitution but a creation of the judiciary to protect its own hegemony. This violates the doctrine that the basic structure of the Constitution cannot be altered.

Hemant D P, Bengaluru

Gadgil's views

It is strange that Prof Madhav Gadgil recommends culling wild animals for man's peace of mind. Actually, man, much superior in evolution, is supposed to protect animals. Killing should be the last option.

Athulya M, Hyderabad



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Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
Today Rajasthan ranks second in the country in terms of GDP growth. Record investment MoUs were signed at the Invest Rajasthan Summit



Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
BJP is engaged in the service of the nation with the spirit of 'Service is the organization'. Congratulations to all workers participating in the meeting!



Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
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SEA GNAWING AWAY AT BEACHES, COASTS

Clubbed with wrath of monsoon, Karnataka fishermen worst hit by eroding coastline mostly at river mouths

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SEA erosion is increasing every year on the West Coast, particularly in Uttara Kannada, where it was so far considered not a serious issue. While experts say the erosion is due to global warming, beaches will soon be lost and thousands of fishermen will be badly affected. They have stressed on proper long-term planning to protect the coast and its economy.

In mid-2022, the people at Thappalakere village in Bhatkal of Uttara Kannada district made it to the headlines when they approached the Human Rights Commission, demanding a solution to their annual problem – sea erosion. They have been suffering because for the last 4-5 years. The problem became so severe that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, scheduled to visit here, cancelled his trip on being advised against it, as sea erosion has severely damaged roads, making them unmotorable.

Taranath Rathod, Superintendent Engineer, Department of Ports, says, "Thappalakere is a low-lying area and houses get flooded during monsoon. They faced severe problems as everything got washed away. We have now proposed a ₹11 crore project to address the issue here." The erosion has been most severe at the river mouths, like Pavinkurve, where River Venkatapura joins the Arabian Sea and Thappalakere.

The menace is increasing in recent years, say officials and experts. Uttara Kannada district had remained unaffected for a long time. "Erosion occurs during monsoon when sea levels increase. There is no erosion when beaches have sand deposits. Due to various reasons, these deposits have reduced drastically, including due to extraction of sand, construction of vented dams and other aspects," says Rathod.

He points out that encroachment on beaches is another reason for erosion, and happens mostly in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, where people live near beaches.

Shivakumar Haragi, Assistant Professor, Department of Marine Biology, Karnataka



University, Dharwad, points out that changes in the rainfall pattern due to climate change, in turn due to global warming, is the major reason for erosion as the intensity of the rainfall is heavier. "As a result, the sand does not deposit and the erosion increases."

Livelihoods affected

The erosion has already affected the livelihoods of thousands of fishermen and is bound to worsen further. "This year, during monsoon, hundreds of boats were washed away both in Kundapur and Bhatkal. This is what happens if the sea erosion becomes severe," says Haragi. He adds that over 20,000 fishermen's families will be hit badly in Uttara Kannada as most of them here are traditional fishermen who anchor their boats and dump their nets, motors and fishing gear on the shores.

However the silver lining is that Uttara Kannada is not as densely populated as the other two coastal districts, Udupi and Dakshina Kannada. Sea erosion is a major threat to the

people living along the coast of Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts. Sea walls have been constructed in many places along the 95 km coastline of Udupi and Dakshina Kannada

DISAPPEARING BEACHES

since the early 2000s. But the permanent measures are still to be put in place.

Some measures at work

Haleali area in Koteswara Gram Panchayat in Kundapur taluk of Udupi district, sea-shore residents have sought protection from sea incursion by constructing a permanent barrier. "Despite our request, no steps have been taken and the shoreline is eroding every year," the locals say. The ₹300 crore funding by Asian Development Bank to construct sea walls has not yielded satisfactory results.

A study by the Department of Applied Mechanics and Hy-

draulics, National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal, Mangaluru, states that around 46 km of the total 95 km coastline in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada is in the critical erosion category. 59 per cent is at very high risk, 7 per cent at high risk, 4 per cent moderate and 30 per cent vulnerable.

Karnataka State Minister for Fisheries, Ports and Inland Water Transport S Angara says that at some places like Uchila near Ullal of Dakshina Kannada district, sea wave breakers have been installed. This technology is suitable and can be used on an experimental basis in some places.

At Maravanthe in Udupi district, duck foot technology may be implemented on an experimental basis. Later based on the success rate, the two different technologies may be introduced in other parts, he said, examining suggestions from experts. The total financial implications of the two projects is yet to be known.

One estimate states that the sea wave breaker project costs

₹25 crore to cover 1 km of sea-shore. Angara says it has been implemented at Nellikunnu in Kasaragod, Kerala. UK Yoosuf, a Kasaragod businessman, has pitched the idea of introducing the technology. A project proposal has been submitted to Bommai, who has forwarded it to the Chief Secretary to check its feasibility.

Though Prof Haragi suggests that green wall protection is the most suited to prevent erosion, the port department seems not optimistic. Haragi emphasises that proper planning and management will be helpful. "We must identify vulnerable areas, manage them in consultation with locals and take long-term measures. The sea wall is highly unscientific. There needs to be proper planning and advanced technology. We have to have a long-term planning of shoreline management (artificial green belt creation) and wherever immediate measures are taken, it should be done scientifically. Maravanthe is the best example of long-term planning and a permanent solution," he said.

2024 LS polls

BIG MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE LIKELY IN BUDGET RECESS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to reshuffle his council of ministers during the Budget session recess between February 14 and March 12. Sources said it will be a big shakeup, much like the one in July 2021 when he brought in 36 new faces and dropped 12 ministers, including some top names. It is said that over 20 ministers are likely to be replaced. Some of them may be drafted into the party to ramp up the organization for the next year's Lok Sabha election. The new entrants are likely to be largely from Telangana, Odisha, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The change in the ministry will also take into account the BJP's loss of a major ally in Bihar and the gain of new leaders in Punjab. The party's focus on new geographies will also find a reflection in the reshuffle. In this context, a couple of inductions from Tamil Nadu and Kerala are not ruled out. The BJP's newly-gained ally in Maharashtra is also likely to be rewarded with ministerial berths. The Prime Minister's continued focus on West Bengal may see some changes in the contingent from the state. As some ministers are tipped to be redeployed into the party, a big organizational reshuffle is also on the cards in the BJP. The Prime Minister has already ended the suspense over J P Nadda by extending his term till 2024. The team that Modi will put in place through the ministry and party reshuffle will be the one that will take the party into the 2024 Lok Sabha election under the leadership of Modi.



Battle Readiness

ARMY MAY FLOAT TENDER TO BUY VSHORAD VERSION

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) issued a tender in February last year seeking a development-cum-production partner for the very short-range air defence system called VSHORAD. This system has been developed by the Research Centre Imarat, a lab under DRDO. Top Indian defence manufacturers, including Tata Advance Systems, Bharat Dynamics Ltd, L&T Ltd, Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd, ICOMM Tele Ltd, etc participated in the DRDO tender. Adani and ICOMM emerged winners, with Adani occupying the top place. Sources said that even after a year of issuing the tender, the DRDO is yet to sign a contract with the two shortlisted companies for the development of the VSHORAD prototype. Even after a contract is signed, it would take not less than three to four years to develop the prototype. After that, there would be multiple rounds of development and user trials. The defence acquisition council headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh has, in the meanwhile, approved the budget for the VSHORAD programme. VSHORAD is a shoulder-fired light missile system which can be easily carried and used from any location along the border. With tensions continuing unabated on the northern front, the army is keen on a quick acquisition of this system. It is likely to float a new tender for Indian domestic suppliers for an outright purchase of the VSHORAD version. While the DRDO-designed version will be a 100 per cent indigenous system, the army's new tender is likely to use the procurement route that mandates only 50 per cent local component.

'Institutional births up, but home deliveries still a norm'

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INSTITUTIONAL deliveries in India have risen, but home deliveries continue to be a norm, especially in the north-east and northern states like Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi in 2021-22, latest health ministry data reveals.

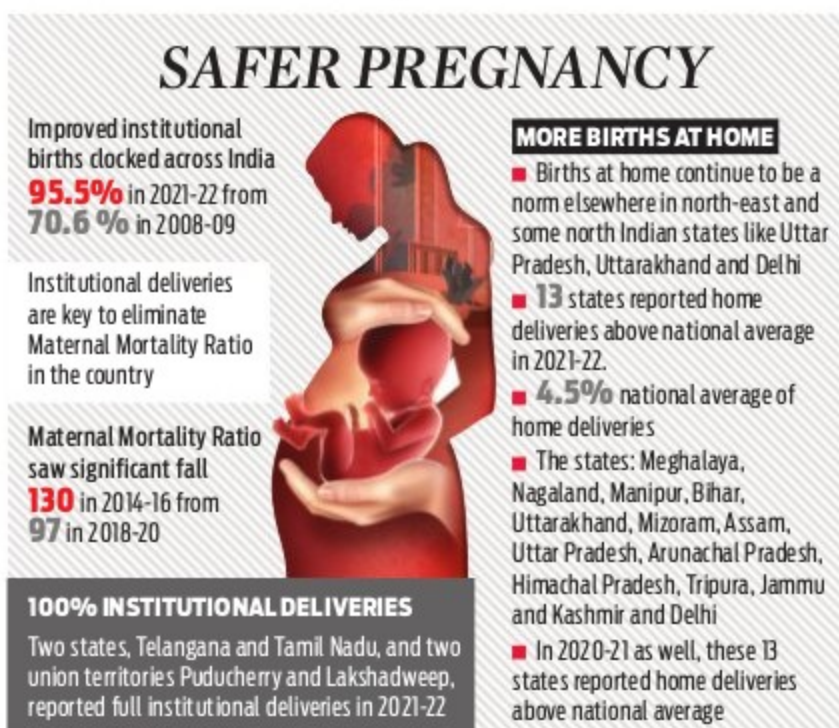
Two southern states, Telangana and Tamil Nadu, and two union territories, reported hundred per cent institutional deliveries in 2021-22, while nine states, including Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, saw over 99 per cent births in institutes.

Puducherry and Lakshadweep are the two union territories that saw one hundred per cent institutional deliveries in the same period.

However, the cause for concern is that states like Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi in 2021-22 have reported home deliveries more than the national average of 4.5 per cent.

In 2020-21, also, these 13 states reported a high number of home deliveries, more than the all-India percentage of 5.2 per cent, according to the latest report of the Health Management Information System (HMIS), which is a complete source of information for facility level health data nationwide.

Experts said institutional deliveries are key to reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)



in India and home delivery is still happening because hospitals are still not readily accessible in far-fetched areas. MMR in India has declined from 130 in 2014-16 to 97 in 2018-20.

Institutional deliveries in India increased from 70.6 per cent in 2008-09 to 95.5 per cent in 2021-22. In 2021-22, only Meghalaya saw 57.2 per cent of institutional deliveries.

In 2020-21, only Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Lakshadweep had achieved hundred per cent institutional deliveries.

Though home deliveries saw a slight dip in the last two years, two states – Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh – saw a hike last year. While in 2020-21, home delivery in Meghalaya was 40.6 per cent, it went up to 42.8 per cent in 2021-22.

Similarly, in Arunachal Pradesh, home deliveries stood at 8.8 per cent. It touched 9.4 per cent last year.

Surprisingly, Delhi also figures among the 13 states where home delivery is still occurring. Though, there is a slight dip in percentage. In 2020-21, the figure stood at 5.4 per cent, it was 4.7 per cent in 2021-22.

In India, 10,67,470 home deliveries were reported in 2020-21 and 9,22,637 in 2021-22.

"The maternal delivery at home without skilled care at birth is a major public health issue. Maternal mortality is a severe public health problem where home delivery without skilled care at birth has a significant detrimental impact," said the HMIS analytical report.

PENDING PLAINTS

Govt to get rid of spammers from depts' mailboxes

PARVEZ SULTAN @ NEW DELHI

AS the Centre gets down to reduce the pendency of public grievances by setting up a mechanism for a regular review of such cases, there are complainants who are "spamming" mailboxes of ministries and departments.

The department of administrative reform and public grievances (DARPG) has flagged 10 'habitual complainants' who file 3,000 complaints individually per annum.

The department has decided to get rid of these 10 spammers. It is likely to issue a notice to all ministries and departments to transfer grievances being mailed by them to 'spam'.

Considering the enormity of the number of complaint mails, the issue was discussed in an interactive session under the chairmanship of the department's secretary held earlier this month. Representatives of at least 78 departments and ministries were also present.

"The identified mailers file thousands of complaints on a variety of issues. Sometimes they are repetitive. Some are frivolous also. There are disgruntled persons who just want to clog the system. The department has identified 10 mailers who were sending 30,000 complaints annually," said a senior government official.

As per the monthly report of December, there were 67,629 grievance cases pending in all ministries in December.

SC seeks govt reply in plea against Surrogacy Act on unmarried women

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently sought Centre's response in a plea challenging the provision of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 to the extent it excludes unmarried women from the ambit of the definition of 'intending woman'.

The term includes Indian women who is a widow or divorcee between the age of 35 to 45 years and who intends to avail of surrogacy.

A bench of justices Ajay Rastogi and Bela M Trivedi issued notice in the plea by an unmarried woman in her late 30s. The order said, "Issue notice on the prayer for interim relief as well as on the writ petition. Let a

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SC bench

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The woman in her plea had argued that restraints on unmarried or single women to access the benefits of surrogacy

that fall foul of Article 14 of the Constitution – the right to equality.

The plea also said that such a provision impinges on a woman's right to exercise autonomy and control over her reproductive decisions.

"The legislature has failed to incorporate the recommendations given by the Law Commission in its report titled 'Need for legislation to regulate assisted reproductive technology clinics as well as rights and obligations of parties to a surrogacy. The report recognises the right of an unmarried woman to be an intending mother,' the plea stated.



Infra development: Govt identifies 36 locations under Swadesh Darshan 2.0

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Tourism Ministry has finalised 36 destinations for development in the first phase of Swadesh Darshan 2.0, the Centre's scheme for infrastructure revamp that entails sustainable and responsible tourism.

The ministry has initiated the process to appoint consultants to prepare a master plan for the selected destinations. A detailed project report will spell out the identified interventions.

The scheme will be implemented through various agen-

cies for which funds are provided by the Centre.

The appointed Project Development and Management Consultants (PDMC) will support the implementation agencies in the planning, development and management of destinations by providing end-to-end support. Besides planning and designing interventions, the consultant will also ensure successful implementation and management of activities required for development at tourism destinations, officials said.

The 36 destinations are from 19 states. The list includes Gan-

dikota (Andhra Pradesh), Kokrajhar (Assam), Nalanda (Bihar), Chandigarh, Dholavira (Goa), Hampi (Karnataka), Niu-lad (Nagaland) and Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu).

The minister recently held a pre-proposal meeting with empanelled agencies to discuss their pre-bid queries. Following the meeting, the ministry clarified and amended the clause accordingly.

The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme aims to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and job creation, developing circuits having tourist potential in a planned and prioritised manner.

Stubble-burning has richer option

Researchers develop tech to convert fly ash into wood, which is stronger and cheaper

ANURAG SINGH @Bhopal

A waste-to-wealth technology that turns toxic fly ash generated by thermal power plants in Madhya Pradesh into 'evergreen hybrid wood' (better than conventional wood and plywood), promises similar green solution to stubble burning in Haryana, resulting in better air quality in neighbouring Delhi. Researchers at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Advanced Materials and Process Research Institute (AMPRI) in Bhopal have successfully converted parali (stubble) into eco-friendly and evergreen hybrid wood, which is 30% cheaper and 20% stronger than the conventional particle wood and plywood.

The wood derived from parali can be used for making doors, partition panels, roofing sheets and thermal insulator materials. The parali-to-evergreen hybrid wood technology developed in two years has already been transferred to the Haryana government, which, as per CSIR-Advanced Materials and Process Research Institute researchers, is now trying to commercialize it through the MSME sector in the state.

The technology has also been transferred to a Raipur (Chhattisgarh) company, which is



The four-day India International Science Festival (IISF-2022) in Bhopal has seen various Indian researchers showing their innovations | EXPRESS

working at starting large-scale production of Parali-to-evergreen hybrid wood, that will not only address the menace of stubble burning by farmers in northern India and consequently better Delhi's air quality, but also conserve the environment by preventing felling of trees for making particle wood and plywood.

The researchers started working on the greenwood technology in 2010.

Nearly a decade-long research by CSIR-AMPRI director Prof. Avinash Kumar Srivastava led to the development of an alternative wood out of fly ash, which was fit for making furniture and decorative items.

"The technology was also transferred to a Chandrapur (Maharashtra)-based private unit for commercialization. In 2020, West Bengal showed interest in the technology developed by us and with our help combined with it," said Dr. Manoj Gupta, a CSIR-AMPRI scientist forming part of the research group.

Talking to this paper at the ongoing India International Science Festival (IISF-2022) in Bhopal on Sunday, Dr. Gupta (whose research group is headed by scientist Dr. Ashokan Pappu), said in 2020, the Haryana government had approached them for rendering a similar solution to their Parali-related woes.

Kit for early detection of oral cancer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

STUDENTS from across the country participating in the Students Innovation Festival, which forms part of the ongoing four-day India International Science Festival (IISF-2022) in Bhopal, have showcased technological solutions which can be key to human health and medical care.

With the burden of oral cancer rising in the country, two students of Nagpur-based GH Raisoni College of Engineering, including Dhammashree Tamgadge and Bhanu Nagpure under the guidance of their mentor have developed a smart device for early screening.

"The smart device helps in meticulously screening people for Oral Submucous Fibrosis (OSMF), the earliest pre-cancerous condition of oral cancer. The device has been successfully put into practice by us at special OSMF screening camps in six districts of Nagpur," Mentor Dr. Vibha Bora said.

C'garh gov says not invited to ODI match in Raipur

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE Chhattisgarh Raj Bhavan is peeved at Governor Anusuiya Uike not being invited to One-Day International (ODI) cricket match between Indian and New Zealand. It was the first ODI match at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium in new capital city Nava Raipur where India beat New Zealand taking a 2-0 lead on Saturday.

The Raj Bhavan is apparently unhappy for being "ignored" by the organizers and felt that neither the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), nor the Chhattisgarh government, has bothered to reach out with an invitation to the Governor for the big event being held for the first time in the capital.

"Being the constitutional head of the state, there should be a formal invitation given to the Governor as it was the first

international cricket match being played in Chhattisgarh. The Governor, too, was surprised at being ignored," a Raj Bhavan spokesperson told this newspaper on Sunday.

Sources said that the Raj Bhavan would soon convey its objection to the BCCI and the Centre government. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, his cabinet colleagues, high court judges, senior officials among other dignitaries and spectators witnessed the match.

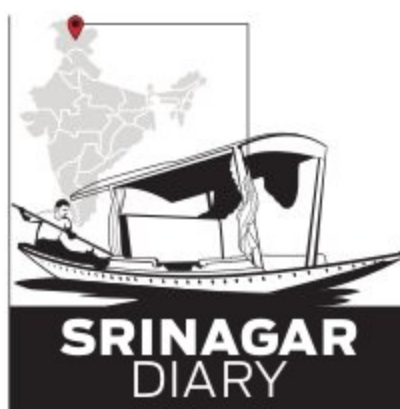
"It should be the responsibility of top officials to ensure reaching out to the Governor with the invite," the spokesperson said.

Government sources have claimed that it has nothing to do with extending invitation to the Governor as everything related to the international matches are being organised in accordance with the given protocols of the BCCI and ICC.



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Register pet dogs or pay ₹5,000 fine: SMC

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has warned people of Srinagar to register their pet dogs with the corporation or face a ₹5,000 fine. In a notice, SMC directed all the pet dog owners residing in Srinagar to get their pet dogs registered within 30 days with Srinagar Municipal Corporation. The registration fee is ₹500 for fresh registration while ₹300 will be charged for yearly renewal of registration. Only dogs with anti-rabies certificates would be allowed to register as pets by the SMC. They warned that anybody found keeping a pet dog without SMC registration shall be challaned and fined upto ₹5,000/- and may even lead to impounding of the dog.

Beautification of city for G20 events

In the run-up to host first ever G20 Summit events in Srinagar, the authorities have issued slew of instructions to enhance the roads by developing foot paths, medians, traffic road furnishing, landscape improvement, installation of roadside VMDs, installation of hoardings besides removal of wooden poles, rusted plant guards, hanging cable wires and unnecessary road dividers and debris. The government and commercial buildings along the roads would be painted. Plantation of ornamental green plants on medians and removal of withered trees has also been ordered.

3 siblings qualify J&K civil service exam

Three siblings including two sisters and a brother, belonging to a remote Kahi Trankhal village in mountainous Doda district have qualified the J&K Administrative Service (JKAS) exam. Suhail Ahmad Wani, the youngest of the three siblings, has secured 11th rank while his sisters Huma Anjum Wani and Ifra Anjum Wani secured 17th and 143th rank among the 187 successful candidates in JKAS. While Ifra did her masters in Physics, Huma and Suhail have done Post Graduation in Political science. The trio, according to their family, self studied and did not go to any coaching centre. They had no mobile phone, they said.

ELECTIONS

At Assam meet, tribal parties join hands for greater Tripura

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

THE Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) president and state minister Prem Kumar Reang had a closed-door meeting with TIPRA Motha chief Pradyot Manikya Debbarma in Guwahati on Saturday night and decided to fight the election together. "We thought we should join those forces which are fighting for Greater Tripaland. We have decided to fight the polls together with TIPRA Motha," Reang said.

The IPFT said it had fought the 2018 elections together with the BJP hoping to achieve a separate state for the tribals in Tripura but the saffron party-led NDA government did not even discuss the demand.

"We have been fighting for Greater Tripaland since 2009. With this demand, we had aligned with the BJP, fought the last election and won it. However, the Central government has neither responded to us, nor discussed the demand even once. There is no point aligning with a party if the demand does not get a push," Reang said. TIPRA Motha holds sway in 20 out of 60 seats. The state will hold to polls on February 16.

Rift between BJP, allies widens in Maha over old pension scheme

SUDHIR SURAYWANSI @Mumbai

DIFFERENCES surfaced between BJP and its alliance partners in Maharashtra over old pensions scheme issue. Maharashtra chief minister, Eknath Shinde on Sunday said that his government is positive about the old pension scheme while BJP's senior leader and deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnis earlier refused to implement the old pension scheme in Maharashtra.

Shinde said that he has asked the concerned department officers to study the old pensions scheme and the burden over the state exchequer it causes. He said that they will take a decision on the scheme once they get the report.

The state education department and other department's employees threatened to go on a strike earlier and demanded to implement the old pensions scheme. Earlier Fadnis in his reply in recently concluded state assembly winter session in Nagpur refused to implement the old pensions scheme. He explained that the old pensions scheme is not financially feasible. "The old pension scheme will put additional ₹1.10 lakh crore burden annually over the state exchequer.



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Devendra Fadnis, Dy CM

This will impact the state budget poorly and may push the state towards bankruptcy. Therefore, we flatly refuse to implement old pensions scheme for the larger interest of the state," he said.

Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole said that his party is positive to bring the old pensions scheme, adding that Congress is pro-people party. "We have seen that after coming to power in Himachal Pradesh, Congress implemented the old pensions scheme. There are videos of employees celebrating it," he said.

Rajnath hits out at Rahul, asks Cong not to question forces

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

IN a scathing attack on a series of remarks by Rahul Gandhi on defence forces during the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday that Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, should avoid questioning the courage and bravery of India's defence forces.

Addressing a state government event in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh, Singh said, "I want to tell Congress leaders that you can denigrate the BJP, but should never dare to question the bravery and courage of the country's defence forces. As the country's defence minister, I can't reveal all the details but can make one thing clear the courage and bravery shown by our forces during the recent face-off with China will fill every Indian's heart with pride."

In a dig at Rahul Gandhi, Singh, "He (Rahul) often says that he is marching to spread love in the country which is filled with hate. I just want to appeal to him (Rahul) not to defame India by saying there is only hate in the country. By the way, how come Rahulji knows anything about Mohabbat (love)?"

He said he would like Congress leaders, particularly Rahul Gandhi, to know that poli-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at an event where land ownership papers were given to the poor in Singrauli | PTI

tics is not just for making a government, but also for making a better society.

Earlier, over 25,000 families who were waiting for land to build houses became proud owners of land after getting patta under the CM Awasiya Bhoo Yojana at the event. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also attended the event in Singrauli district, which neighbours Sonebhadra and Mirzapur districts of east UP.

The event also saw over ₹140 lakh crore being credited into the accounts of seven lakh farmers of the Rewa division with a single click under CM Kisan Kalyan Yojana and laying the foundation of a medical

college and mining engineering college in Singrauli.

Addressing the event, the MP CM said: "Residential ownership will be given to every poor family in the state. The number of people belonging to poor families who had built houses on government land was increasing, but their houses were not. To get rid of all these problems, the CM's Residential Land Rights Scheme is being implemented in the state."

He said that patta (ownership papers) will be distributed under the scheme in all the districts of the state. Along with this, these beneficiaries will also be benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

J'khand woman set on fire for resisting rape bid, dies at hosp

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE 23-year-old woman, who had been set on fire allegedly for resisting rape attempts, succumbed to her burn injuries at a Ranchi hospital on Sunday morning. The incident took place on January 7 and the woman was under treatment at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi with about 70 per cent burn injuries.

According to the statement recorded by her before police, four persons poured petrol over her for resisting the rape attempts made by them and set her on fire out of which three persons are her relatives. Surprisingly, even after 15 days of incident, the four accused persons are still at large, despite the fact that a special investigation

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The police on the other hand, raised doubts over the incident stating that the SIT found no evidence against the four accused persons.

"Moreover, a mismatch in statements given by the woman and her husband was found due to which other aspects are also being taken into consideration," said Officer in Charge of Charhi Police Station Deven-

dra Singh.

In addition to that, location of all the four accused persons was found in Ramgarh, which is far away from the place of occurrence, he added.

The officer in charge also informed that FSL report also indicated that there had been no external entry into the house and in the CCTV footage of the nearby places had also revealed that nobody had entered into the premises.

Therefore, role of the victim's husband is also being scanned, apart from named accused persons in the FIR, he said.

According to Singh, it is beyond imagination that a woman, who is the sister in law of the victim, could also be a part of the rape attempt along with her two sons. Meanwhile, the family members of the victim have demanded the arrest of all the four accused persons as soon as possible and without any delay.

No change in yatra plan: Cong after J&K blasts

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AS the Bharat Jodo Yatra resumed in J&K on Sunday a day after twin blasts rocked Jammu city, Congress said there would be no change in yatra schedule and asserted that there would be no compromise on Rahul Gandhi's security.

After a day's break, the yatra resumed from the Hiranagar area of Kathua at around 7 am today. After travelling for about 22 kilometers and entering Samba district, the yatra was halted for the day and would be resumed tomorrow morning. A delegation of Jammu Bar Association led by its president M K Bharadwaj met Rahul Gandhi and apprised him about their issues.

"We travel 21-22 kms daily during the yatra in two phases. Here, we travel 21 kms on a single stretch due to security issues," Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said. "This won't deter us," said J&K Congress spokesman Ravindra Sharma.

People pool in money for 1,630 smart TVs in MP govt schools

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE smart class initiative isn't the result of any major institutional funding, but has been funded by teachers and other people of the district, who've donated a record ₹5.25 crore for the initiative. Out of the ₹5.25 crore, around ₹4.25 crore has been donated by the teachers.

"Teachers of Sehore district have created history by making every class of the district a smart class through public cooperation. They contributed ₹4.25 crore of their hard earned money and provided 1,630 smart TVs to 1,552 schools in the district. The people's representatives and the administration of the district cooperated for the cause."

This is a stellar example of cooperation of the society with the government in the development of the state. This unique work will inspire the entire state," the MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said while in-



MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan with the children at government schools

augurating the smart classes in the government schools on Saturday.

"Today, I've come to congratulate and thank the teachers of the district. I appeal to all teachers to work with this spirit and make every school in the state a centre of better and quality education. As a sign of respect for the teachers, I announce a 4 per cent increase in their dear-

ness allowance," the CM said while gracing the 'Har Shala-Smart Shala (Every School a Smart School)' in Nasrullaganj town, Sehore district.

Sehore is the home district of the CM. The event also saw him honouring the donor teachers, public representatives and social workers. Chouhan taught them the importance performing 'Pranayama.'

Index-based ELSS funds offer cheaper tax saving option

With the introduction of passive schemes, investors have more options, and this will also help MF industry expand the reach of products

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

INVESTORS looking to save tax and get higher returns are set to get more options to choose from as the stage is set for launch of new schemes by the mutual funds.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi) recent decision has paved the way for mutual funds with active Equity-Linked Savings Schemes (ELSS) to launch passive schemes.

Earlier, mutual funds were allowed to either launch an actively-managed ELSS scheme or a passively-managed one but not in both categories. But, earlier this month, the capital market regulator gave green signal to mutual funds to launch passive schemes.

The ELSS mutual funds aim to maximise portfolio return over the long term while offering tax benefits.

Under section 80C of the Income Tax Act 1961, investments

of up to ₹1.5 lakh in ELSS funds are eligible for a tax deduction.

The investments under the ELSS scheme have a three-year lock-in period, which is the shortest lock-in period as compared to other tax-efficient products.

These fund schemes principally invest in stocks, which allows them to generate substantial yields in comparison to other investment avenues like debt-oriented schemes or FDs. The ELSS funds have given returns in the range of 10% to 22% in the last three years.

Cheaper and simpler alternatives

Active funds are comparatively costlier in comparison to passive funds as they have higher expense ratio. Expense ratio is the total cost an investor pays to Asset Management Company (AMC) for management of the fund. The new passive ELSS schemes, which will be

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₹1.55 lakh cr

net AuM of ELSS equity schemes as on Dec 31, 2022



₹564 cr

Net inflows in ELSS equity schemes in Dec 2022

10% to 22%

Three-year returns of active ELSS funds

0.7% to 1.76% Expense ratio of active ELSS funds

launched in coming days, will have lower expense ratios, say experts.

"Typically, all passive schemes for instance Index Funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) have lower cost as compared to active funds, so passive ELSS schemes will also surely have lower expense ratio. In my view, we can expect most of the ELSS Index Funds to have an expense ratio in the range of 0.75% to 1%," Anil

Ghelani, Head- Passive Investments & Products, DSP Mutual Fund told TNIE.

The net Assets under Management of ELSS equity schemes was ₹1.55 lakh crore as on December 31, 2022. The net inflows in ELSS equity schemes stood at ₹564 crore in December last year.

Experts believe that the new passive schemes will be able to attract investors due to performance and cost.

"Existing investors in Active ELSS funds have no option to move to ELSS Index Funds. But yes, for new investments, we could surely see some benefits. This will be driven by two main reasons: performance and cost. Investors could prefer ELSS Index Funds looking at the overall benefits of passive versus active such as relatively lower costs and simplicity," Ghelani added.

ELSS mutual funds try to keep expense ratios lower from their competitors but most of the active schemes have expense ratios between 0.7% and 1.76%.

Good move for industry

The launch of new ELSS passive schemes is not only good news for retail investors but is also a positive development for the mutual fund industry. This decision will help the mutual fund industry get more inflow of funds and will expand the reach of products to new cus-

tomers and wider territories.

"The mutual fund industry has a huge scope for increasing penetration and getting more investors. Often tax saving can be a good tool to get started. And for that, having ELSS as an Index Fund would provide other benefits such as transparency, diversification, relatively lower costs and most important - simplicity. So, a simple to understand investment together with a tax benefit could drive the penetration and increase outreach of the industry," said Ghelani.

According to experts, the passive ELSS funds are suitable for investors who have comparatively less risk appetite and have a long-term investment horizon.

"Investors should also know that the risk remains the same as passive funds will also be having exposure in equities. Thus, it remains completely their discretion as to whether they are looking for active man-

agement of funds or a passive way of saving taxes and accumulating wealth over a long period," Nitin Rao, Head Products and Proposition, Epsilon Money Mart- a wealth management firm, told this newspaper.

"If one is looking for a low-cost option with limited chance of underperforming the benchmark, passive investing is surely an option to consider," he added.

AMCs with a good track record on active ELSS might not opt to launch passive ELSS immediately but AMCs with poor track record will be soon launching passive ELSS, said Rachit Chawla, CEO Finway- a financial services providing firm.

"Sebi allowing mutual funds with active ELSS to launch passive schemes will provide an opportunity for the mutual fund industry to have more inflows of funds and more savings from a consumer standpoint," said Chawla.

MONEY MATTERS

TIME TO ORGANISE YOURSELF THIS REPUBLIC DAY



FINANCIAL ADVICE

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We organised ourselves from a chaotic colony of imperial power to a constitutionally-backed nation on 26 January 1950. Our fundamental rights and duties are enshrined in our Constitution. They help us establish the rule of law and give us a sense of order to conduct ourselves within the framework. As a nation, we may still be a 'work-in-progress'. However, the importance of being a vibrant democracy that follows a constitution cannot be understated.

Just like our nation makes a gradual transition to a modern state, you need to work on transitions to your financial life too. For years, you relied on physical assets like gold and property for financial security. Your financial well-being matters to the country's productivity and future growth. The more you save and invest in financial assets, the more you contribute towards nation-building.

If you are new to investing, you must start by educating yourself on personal finance. The first principle is understanding that merely saving money is not enough to tackle inflation. When prices rise for

Build your emergency funds

You may want to put aside a kitty that helps you tide over a temporary job loss or any medical emergency. There is always that debate about how much money you need to keep in an emergency fund. Usually, it is about six months of monthly expenses.

years, your cost of living rises too. Your income and investments must keep up to tackle that consistent rise in inflation. When inflation goes up, interest rates rise too. The cost of your borrowing surges. As a result, you spend more at the same income level. You need to earn more or spend less to create a monthly surplus consistently.

Help yourself first

When you start earning, it is important to pay yourself first. By that, you need to put aside money for your retirement. When you are young, that is the last thing on your mind. After all, you have worked hard to get the proper education to earn a living.

However, the cost of retirement rises as you grow old. You can have enough money to deal with complex life situations when you start early. Organising your finances can begin with engaging a professional financial advisor. They will help you maintain a monthly budget and work on creating a surplus. When you succeed in that, you can start investing.

Your first financial goal should be an emergency fund. In an uncertain world, your income can see setbacks that are hard to anticipate. You may want to put aside a kitty that helps you tide over a temporary job loss or any medical

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You must organise your investments efficiently if you are slightly experienced as an investor. Professional financial advice will help. If you own a credit card or have a loan repayment, you need to be aware of your credit score. You must maintain a healthy credit score if you want banks to finance your dream home or car. Besides that, you need to also get on top of your tax situation. You must pay your taxes regularly and file your tax returns so that it is easier for you to borrow when you need.

You must educate yourself on your investment options and asset allocation. The thumb rule is for long-term investments for financial goals

over three years, you must allocate more equity assets. Many think investing in equity directly or through mutual funds is risky. However, you can protect your wealth at all times through intelligent planning and investing. There are financial assets where you cannot lose money, like sovereign bonds or fixed deposits up to ₹5,00,000.

You must look after your health to protect your wealth. Make lifestyle changes to keep you fit and away from chronic conditions and save your money. Prevention is always cheaper than cure. You could spend a lot more on medical expenses in the future. You must get adequate life insurance and medical insurance. In the aftermath of the great pandemic, having an emergency fund and insurance is not an option. Creating a sound financial plan is the least you could do this Republic Day.

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THE Union Budget for the year is round the corner. Get set to play brain-numbing 'marks out of 10' for the Budget' games with happy to oblige corporate honchos post Budget and prior to it, suffer 'talking heads' taking one on flights of fancy with their 'clairvoyance' about likely Budget goodies.

The rich view the Budget as an annual pin-prick while the poor have very little to lose, in any case. It is the beleaguered middle-class, which bears the brunt of most draconian tax announcements and hence fears it, most. It is probably thus that they seek temporary comfort in riding on the flights of fancy peddled for ages now, by 'talking heads' on the telly.

The greatest middle class fantasy that they successfully fuel almost every year is that Income-Tax must and will be replaced by Expenditure tax. The better informed know that both taxes are already in place in the form of direct and indirect taxes and hence, the two are not really mutually exclusive.

Furthermore, no government with even basic political acumen will go down this path and give its opponents a

big stick to beat it with.

One rung below, on the flight of fantasy is the 'pearl' that personal tax rates will be reduced to a uniform 15% level. Factual evidence suggests that the best case scenario has been some minor tinkering of the entry level taxable income threshold. Its likelihood invariably improves in a year preceding a general election.

Then there are those on the fringes of the stock market who yearn for a return to the zero capital gains tax regime for equities that was announced around two decades ago and reversed a little more than half a decade back. Again, the fact is that the ex-

chequer extracts more than its pound of flesh in the form of not just capital gains tax, but also a steep securities transaction tax. Moreover, the Capital Gains tax rate across asset and sub-asset classes vary and is confusing, to say the least. While a clean-up is overdue, to expect it, would be optimistic.

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Am presuming the underlying message is clear by now - the Budget always was and will remain not just a financial but also a socio-political statement.

So, expect nothing, shut out external noises and especially the high decibel ones that take you on futile flights of fancy that invariably land nowhere. Instead, focus on investing prudently and for the long term to earn enough to offset the impact of any adverse Budget announcement.



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Net oil & gas imports bill in Dec 2022 at \$11.2 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE net import bill for oil and gas for the country fell from \$18.35 billion in November 2022 to \$11.2 billion in December 2022, thanks to decline in average crude oil prices, data from the Petroleum Ministry shows. The net oil and gas import bill in December 2022 was \$10.7 billion.

Net import is calculated after reducing the country's oil and gas exports from the total imports of oil and gas.

India imported crude oil worth \$11.9 billion, LNG imports \$1.6 billion and the exports were \$4.6 billion. Crude oil imports decreased by 3% in December 2022 compared to the same period last year. In the April-December 2022 period,

however, crude oil imports increased by 9.9%.

The price of Brent Crude averaged \$81.82 a barrel during December 2022 as against \$91.67 a barrel during November 2022 and \$74.10 a barrel during December 2021. The Indian basket crude price averaged \$78.10 a barrel during December 2022 as against \$87.55 a barrel during November 2022 and \$73.30 a barrel during December 2021.

The country processed 22.3 MMT of crude oil during December 2022, which was 3.7% higher than December 2021 as compared to a de-growth of 8.9% during November 2022. A growth of 6.4% was registered in the total crude oil processing during April-December 2022 over the corresponding period of the previous year.



EXPRESS READ

Sebi launches database on municipal bonds

NEW DELHI: Sebi has launched an information database on municipal bonds. As part of efforts to develop the bond markets, an outreach programme on municipal bonds and municipal finance was organised by Sebi on January 20 and 21. The repository contains various checklists for pre-listing requirements and sample letters.

FPIs pull out ₹15,236 cr from equities in Jan

NEW DELHI: Foreign investors pulled out a net amount of ₹15,236 crore this month so far on attractive Chinese markets and concerns about the US economy entering a recession. However, FPIs have turned buyers in the last four trading sessions. The outflow in the month of January came following a net inflow of ₹11,119 crore in December.

Asian Paints, HUL stocks under pressure

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

TWO of India's top consumer facing businesses- Hindustan Unilever (HUL) and Asian Paints- are facing pressure in Dalal Street despite reporting growth in bottom-line and top-line for the quarter ending December 2022 (Q3FY23).

Share prices of Asian Paints fell nearly 3% on Friday to ₹2,785 after witnessing sharp sell-off in the closing hours of Thursday session.

The stock has corrected nearly 10% in the last one month. According to stock market experts, the chemical major's results are below the street expectations. Increasing competition and expensive valuations also remain a cause for concern for investors.

Asian Paints on Thursday reported a net profit of ₹1,097 crore for Q3FY23, up over 6% year-on-year. The company's



revenue from operations rose about a percent to ₹8,636 crore during the quarter.

Brokerage firm ICICI slashed its target price for the stock and said that lower-than-expected urban recovery and potential execution challenges in new categories are some of the

many triggers that could lead to a structural correction in its high earnings multiple.

Analysts at Jefferies, meanwhile, retained its price target but trimmed FY23-25 revenue estimates by 4-5% citing a drop in volumes. They said that the entry of Grasm in the paint business is one key event to monitor.

"Asian Paints remains a strong play in the Indian paint industry. It has demonstrated a strong track record, delivering 15% revenue CAGR and 20% EPS CAGR over the past 15 years, and it has remained the market leader for over half a century. However, 61x FY24 P/E already captures this,"

Impact on operating margins

HUL's increase in the payment of royalty and technical fees to its parent Unilever could have an adverse impact on the company's operating margins and earnings, till the time it expands its margins to a similar extent or introduces new products from Unilever's stable.

said the brokerage. FMCG major HUL has a different story. While it also faces demand and inflationary pressure, it was its announcement to increase in royalty and central service fees (by 80 basis points) to parent firm Unilever plc, which acted as a major dampener for the stock.

Shares of HUL fell nearly 4% on Friday to close at ₹2,548.35 on the BSE. "HUL's increase in the payment of royalty and technical fees to its parent Unilever could have an adverse impact on the company's operating margins and earnings, till the time it expands its margins to a similar extent or introduces new products from Unilever's stable to compensate for the hit," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

Brokerage firms at large have a buy or accumulate call on the HUL stock.



Spinner Parshavi Chopra took four wickets for just five runs, helping India get back to winning ways in the Women's U19 T20 World Cup against Sri Lanka on Sunday. Having restricted Sri Lanka to just 59 runs, India chased down the target in 7.2 overs. **Brief scores:** Sri Lanka U-19 59/9 in 20 ovs (Parshavi 4/5, Mannat 2/6) lost to India 60/3 in 7.2 ovs.

GOAL TICKER

140 GOALS

TOP SCORER
France's Charlet Victor - 6
*after 26 games

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 2-2 Malaysia, (Spain go through 4-3 on penalties). Spain will face Australia in the first quarterfinal on Tuesday.

Monday's crossover matches: Germany vs France 4.30 PM, Argentina vs South Korea 7.00 PM (both in Bhubaneswar).

CALL OF KALINGA 2.0

PIN GOISHA HOCKEY

BACK IN BLACK

From 1-3 down, New Zealand come back strong to send India packing

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bhubaneswar

WELL. To be fair to New Zealand, they were dressed for the occasion. Wearing their traditional all black outfit, this had the sense of a funeral by the time the Indians dragged themselves off the turf. After a nail-eating, bum-squelching normal time finished with the scores level at 3-3, the visitors held their nerve to win the shoot-out 5-4 to send the hosts packing from their own party with almost half the tournament remaining. After Sam Lane scored the visitors' ninth penalty, he wheeled away in delight much to the bemusement of the Kalinga crowd. His teammates threw their hockey sticks in the air as they ran after Lane. At the exact moment as their sticks hit the ground, the Indian players sat on the pitch wondering about the margins that had gone against them.

Scores had already made a beeline for the exit gates when New Zealand had two match points after leading 3-1 as India had missed two of their first four attempts. But both Sams, Hiha and Lane, missed their attempts. Harmanpreet Singh also had a match point but he hurried his shot and it was straight at the keeper. Sukhjeet Singh wasted another match point before Lane gave the visitors a third match point which they converted as Shamsher Singh missed.

In a way, this match never really should have gone past the 60 minute mark. But then, India played all of their worst hits in a manic 20 minute period which began seconds after they had taken a 3-1 lead. In fact, they had won this crossover multiple times in normal time. They took the lead, and multiplied their advantage before again multiplying their lead after Lane had halved the deficit.

At 3-1 and less than 20 minutes to go, they were looking odds on to advance to the quarterfinals. That's when the Black Sticks came to life. Sensing that something was off with the hosts — they displayed varying degrees of nervousness throughout the match — the visitors went on the attack. They earned a penalty corner, their first off the night, and promptly converted. A minute later, India had a chance to make it 4-2 as they had a penalty corner of their own. They missed. "It's our mistake, we couldn't execute them," Harmanpreet said.

But, strangely enough, their body language was down. Here they were, leading 3-2 and playing in front of their own fans, one quarter away from a last-eight place. In the last 15 minutes, they just withered away as the Kiwis almost camped in the Indian half. India, meanwhile, looked to just manage the situation. Now, this is what the Kiwis wanted. Forty-eight hours before the game, coach Greg Nicol spoke about wanting to take the game deep.

They got what they wanted four minutes into the fourth quarter when Sean Findlay showed amazing reflexes to deflect a wayward hit goalward. 3-1 had become 3-2 and the panic was visible by now. Passing channels weren't open, outballs were being overcooked or under-hit and the defence pressed the emergency button whenever the opposition had the ball. That pressure almost told when a New Zealand attack resulted in the ball bouncing dangerously close to the goalline with a fraction of a second to go. With players converging from all sides, the hooter went much to the relief of the hosts as it allowed them to regroup.

But, on a chastening night for the hosts, the relief proved to be temporary.

PENALTY SEQUENCE

INDIA

Harmanpreet Singh	✓
Raj Kumar Pat	✓
Abhishek	✗
Shamsher Singh	✗
Sukhjeet Singh	✓
Harmanpreet	✗
Raj Kumar	✓
Sukhjeet	✗
(India lose their referral)	
Shamsher	✗
Missed. Re-take. Missed	

NEW ZEALAND

Nic Woods	✓
Foul. Stroke. Converted by Kane Russell	
Sean Findlay	✓
Hayden Phillips	✓
Sam Lane	✗
Sam Hiha	✗
Woods	✗
(Sudden death, NZ went first). Referral turned down.	
Findlay	✓
Krishan Pathak in for Sreejesh as the latter hurt his knee	
Phillips	✗
Lane	✓

New Zealand win shoot-out 5-4.



I think that, mentally, following this, we will be trying to work out how we get a mental coach involved. I think that is important for our future. — Graham Reid, India coach



1. A dejected Indian contingent after the defeat against New Zealand in the penalty shoot out on Sunday



2. New Zealand players celebrate | DEBATA MALICK/SHAMIM QURESHY

Ward: England's front man in the mask

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Bhubaneswar

SAM Ward likes to sell things. Even before he became a regular England international, he was a car salesman. He considered giving up the sport after earning a livelihood in that field. But the 32-year-old is still selling things and you can see he's a great salesman. Before the World Cup began, he caught the eye of the Indian media thanks to an interview he had given to the London Times. He had said the team would bring in a style of hockey full of energy, style and fearlessness. Of course, he called it 'Baz-ball'. The first few days at the World Cup saw multiple mediapersons speak to him about it.

To be fair to Ward, they have showcased traits that aren't too dissimilar to the style Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum have brought to the cricket field. They have been full of energy, have taken enough attacking chances and looked very fluid while doing so. One only had to look at their games against Spain and India. They looked sharp in attack and had

midfield runners trying to join forwards at every opportunity. That they stand joint second for penalty corners earned (23, three behind Argentina and level with The Netherlands) is a testament to their approach. That Ward has also contributed by winning the most number of corners (seven) just goes to show his importance to this side that's highly vertical.

It sort of completes a remarkable three years or so for the midfielder who was told his career was effectively over. During the two-legged Olympic qualifier against Malaysia in 2019, Ward lost sight in his eye after he caught a stray ball. The result was seven facial fractures, a torn retina and a shattered eye socket. A maxillofacial surgery was performed. 31 staples, as many screws and four plates were put in his head to begin the process of healing the wound. He put up the initial pictures on his official Instagram page (consider this a warning, do not look it up even if you are a strong-willed indi-

vidual because it's gruesome, some outlets called it one of the worst sports injuries in recent times). Even as initial reports suggested his playing career was done, Ward's personality won out.

"I did think about giving up after considering all the pros and cons," he said after a training session on Saturday. "But at the end of the day, not everyone is honoured enough to represent their country. Many people never get that chance. Having tasted the honour of representing the country, I wanted to do it again. It was what kept me inspired." These days, Ward, who plays with a Banelike mask to ensure against further injury to the skull, is inspiring others. "I give a fair few motivational speeches over in England," he said. "It's nice to share your story with others going through a difficult phase. You never know how it inspires them and helps them get over a tough phase."

Ward playing hockey is an exercise in superhuman effort,

pushing the boundaries of what's possible. Not when he admits that the injury permanently damaged his left eye and no amount of modern medicine can fix it. "The vision is very limited. I only have peripheral vision," he said. "I don't have full central vision in my left eye because there was a slice through the back of my retina and there's no way of fixing it."

Considering his condition, he knows he will have to keep putting in the extra yards to merit a place in the side. "Basically I'll be doing everything I can to continue working harder and getting better at my craft. I know I have my limitations but considering what I went through this is nothing. Like I said, you have to go through hard times to enjoy the good times. And I'm prepared to go through hell to taste success."

He did have some trouble getting used to seeing through peripheral vision but it was just a matter of adjusting and adapting to it. He now calls it the 'new normal'. Full story: newindianexpress.com

Youth power: Kunlavut overwhelms Axelsen, wins title

ANMOL GURUNG @ New Delhi

VIKTOR Axelsen is human, after all.

The odds were heavily in favour of the World No 1 from Denmark going into the summit clash of the India Open Super on Sunday.

The 29-year-old was against an opponent who had failed to trouble him in six attempts. In fact, the Danish shuttler had never conceded a game against Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand going into the BWF Super 750 event.

But Kunlavut, who was blown away by Axelsen at the same stage during the World Championships last year, had other ideas. The World No 8, who's making rapid strides on the tour, was in his element.

The 21-year-old was quick and mixed his shots intelligently and had Axelsen frustrated by the time the match had reached its climax. In the opening game itself, there were signs that Axelsen, unlike previous encounters, would have to work hard for a win. Kunlavut was mixing his game and forcing Viktor to do some leg work and make mistakes in the process. Axelsen was guilty of spraying the shuttle out of the play area on multiple occasions. Very soon Kunlavut had accomplished something he had never done before, winning a game against the two-time world champ.

There was a clear sense of urgency in Axelsen's play at the start of Game 2. Playing with real intent, he was attacking his opponent on both sides of the



Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in action against Denmark's Viktor Axelsen during final of the India Open Badminton tournament in New Delhi on Sunday | PARVEEN NEGI

court and managed to manufacture some winners. Axelsen was also using his height advantage to good use, smashing Kunlavut's attempted shots on the back line.

It seemed like this could end up being another Axelsen fight-back, a recurring theme that has helped him pocket titles all over the world. But Kunlavut had saved the best for the last. Like a beast awoken, he was on fire in the decider. He was re-

lentless as Axelsen started cracking. Kunlavut also produced two cross-court smashes towards Axelsen's weaker side to keep up the momentum and eventually get over the line, a line that many have attempted to reach but fallen short for the most part in recent years.

"Overall, my attack and presence on court was not the best. It is something that I have to do better next time," Axelsen said, congratulating his opponent.

The fact that he was playing in his second final in a span of a week, this was always going to be physically challenging. "This is competitive badminton. Even though I have done very well in recent times, you can't expect to keep winning and winning. It is not how it works. I try to do my best every single time and today (Sunday), unfortunately, it wasn't my time and it was Kunlavut's time."

Axelsen doesn't have much time to reflect as he'll be looking to give a strong response during the Indonesia Masters, which begins a few days later. Despite making things look effortless in recent years, the Olympic champion said it's a constant fight behind the scenes. For Kunlavut, a three-time junior world champion, this success could be a start of something special. He had been grabbing attention with his performances on court in recent times and this title could thrust him to greater feats in the days to come.

An Se Young triumphs

In the women's singles final, South Korea's An Se Young exacted revenge against familiar rival Akane Yamaguchi of Japan to walk away with the big prize. The 20-year-old won 15-21, 21-16, 21-12. World No 1 Yamaguchi had beaten the youngster last week during the Malaysia Open final.

City, Arsenal register wins

AFP @ Manchester

ERLING Haaland's fourth hat-trick in 19 Premier League appearances helped Manchester City register a 3-0 win over Wolves on Sunday. Pep Guardiola got the reaction he was hoping for from the English champions after questioning their hunger to retain the title after Thursday's 4-2 win over Tottenham.

The hosts had to come from 2-0 down in a dramatic second half against Spurs, but there was lit-

tle mystery over the destination of the three points once Haaland had broken Wolves' resistance five minutes before half-time. Haaland's scoring rate has slowed marginally in recent weeks, but his header from Kevin De Bruyne's cross moved him level with the 23 league goals that saw Mohamed Salah and Son Heung-min share the Golden Boot with last season.

Later, Arsenal trumped Manchester United 3-2. Results: Man City 3-0 Wolves, Leeds United 0-0 Brentford, Arsenal 3-2 Man United.

Joshi, Sharma earn Asian Tour cards

HUA HIN: India's Khalin Joshi and Kartik Sharma grabbed two of the 35 cards on offer at the five-round 90-hole Asian Tour Qualifying School Final Stage, ensuring themselves a fair number of starts on the Tour in 2023. The Indian duo totalled 9-under for five rounds and were tied 26th at Lake View Resort & Golf Club. It was a long test over 90 holes with more than 240 players starting out.

EXPRESS READ

RoundGlass Punjab beat Mohammedan 4-0

KOLKATA: Juan Mera and Luka Majcen scored a brace each as RoundGlass Punjab FC thrashed Mohammedan Sporting 4-0 in an I-League match on Sunday. Mera scored in the 17th and 75th minutes, while Majcen found the back of the net in the 41st and 52nd minutes. Earlier, Mohammedan not just dominated the ball possession but also created meaningful attacks into the final third that kept the visitors' defence on the edge.

Wheelchair tennis ace Kunieda retires

MELBOURNE: Shingo Kunieda, the most successful player in the history of wheelchair tennis, announced his retirement on Sunday at the age of 38. Kunieda won 28 Grand Slam singles titles and completed the career Grand Slam when he won Wimbledon in 2022. "I have been thinking about the retirement since my dream came true at Tokyo Paralympics," the Japan player said.

Shocking exit for Gauff & Swiatek in Oz Open

AFP @ Melbourne

TOP seed Iga Swiatek and a tearful Coco Gauff both crashed out in straight sets in the last 16 on Sunday on another day of shocks at the Australian Open. Swiatek's defeat to Elena Rybakina makes it the first Grand Slam in the Open era — since 1968 — to lose the top two seeds in the men's and women's draws before the quarter-finals.

SELECT RESULTS: RD 4

Men's singles: Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x3) bt Janik Sinner (ITA x15) 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, Jiri Lehecka (CZE) bt Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN x6) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/3)

Women's singles: Elena Rybakina (KAZ x22) bt Iga Swiatek (POL x1) 6-4, 6-4, Jelena Ostapenko (LAT x17) bt Coco Gauff (USA x7) 7-5, 6-3, Jessica Pegula (USA x3) bt Barbora Krejickova (CZE x20) 7-5, 6-2

SELECT FIXTURES

Men's singles (Rd 4): Alex de Minaur vs Novak Djokovic (1.30 PM);

Women's singles (Rd 5): Aryna Sabalenka vs Belinda Bencic (5.30 AM);

Mixed doubles (Rd 2): Sania Mirza-Rohan Bopanna vs Ariel Behar-Makoto Ninomiya (11.10 AM)

Live on Sony Sports Network



There was no such trouble for Jessica Pegula, however; the American third seed surging into the last eight with a 7-5, 6-2 win over former French Open champion Barbora Krejickova. Wimbledon champion Rybakina swept past the 2022 French and US Open winner Swiatek 6-4, 6-4 in 1hr 29min at a stunned Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne. Moscow-born Kazakh Rybakina, seeded 22, moves on to a last-eight encounter with Jelena Ostapenko. The Latvian 17th seed provided the second upset of a crazy few minutes by knocking out seventh seed Gauff 7-5, 6-3 on neighbouring Margaret Court Arena. The 18-year-old Gauff broke down in tears during an emotional post-match press conference.

World number one and hot favourite Swiatek admitted that Rybakina deserved to win. "I felt the pressure," Swiatek, 21, said. "I felt that I didn't want to lose instead of wanting to win."

Swiatek, who dominated women's tennis last year and is already a three-time major champion, added: "I felt today that I don't have that much left to fight even more. "I felt like I took a step back in terms of how I approach these tournaments, and I maybe wanted it a little bit too hard."

Tsitsipas survives five-set test

Third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas survived a huge scare Sunday to battle into a third consecutive Australian Open quarterfinal and a showdown with Czech surprise package Jiri Lehecka. The Greek star extended his win streak this year to eight matches with a gutsy 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3 triumph over dangerous Italian 15th seed Janik Sinner on Rod Laver Arena as the clock ticked over four hours.

Sania loses in women's doubles

Sania Mirza's last women's doubles Grand Slam match ended in defeat as she went down 4-6, 6-4, 2-6 in the second round of the Australian Open here on Sunday. Mirza and her Kazakh partner Anna Danilina, seeded eighth, lost to Belgium's Alison Van Uytvanck and Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina in a clash lasting little over two hours.

The Indian men's doubles pair of N Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan's run in the competition was also halted 4-6, 4-6 by the French duo of Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Martin in the second round.



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DAY'S DIARY

Death anniversary

American talk-show host Larry King, whose interviewing style made *Larry King Live* one of CNN's longest-running and popular programmes, died at age 87 in 2021

POPULAR SHOW

King hosted *Larry King Live* on CNN for over 25 years, interviewing presidential candidates, celebrities, athletes, movie stars and everyday people. He retired in 2010



INTERVIEWS

King conducted an estimated 50,000 interviews in his six-decade career, including 6,000 interviews for the show since 1985 and earned several honours



POPULAR CELEBRITIES

He has interviewed every sitting US president from Gerald Ford to Barack Obama and a number of world leaders like Dr Martin Luther King, the Dalai Lama, and Nelson Mandela

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In an exclusive
interview with
CE, veteran
cricketer
Rahul Dravid
speaks about
combatting the
challenges
of making India
a premium
sporting nation
and the role
Bengaluru
plays in it

'THIS CITY HAS CHANGED IMMENSELY FOR ATHLETES'

TUNIR BISWAS

FORMER player, captain of the Indian cricket team and currently its head coach, Rahul Dravid once spoke about the bamboo principle. A philosophical lesson that asks one to adapt to their strengths, focus on the larger goal and remain patient. Dravid believes in India's case, academic strengths can complement a student's sporting development and vice-versa, and as a result, develop a fruitful symbiotic relationship between the two.

Sharing his own experiences, the Josephite says, "Sports and education are two sides of the same coin. To be good at academics, one requires logic, which is equally important for sports. For example, math helped me exercise my brain to work faster in

problem-solving situations, which we also faced during our matches," shares the 'Wall', regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of the sport. "Education is key for gathering knowledge and improving academic skills, whereas sport helps students gain quality leadership, tolerance, team spirit, healthy competitiveness, sharing, hard work and, most importantly, discipline," he says.

Raised and trained in Bengaluru for most of his growing years, Dravid feels the city is more progressive when it comes to incorporating athletic development. "Sports infrastructure is booming across the country, however, Bengaluru has been more progressive in focusing on sustainable development. This city has changed immensely for athletes who are pursuing sports at the professional level as well

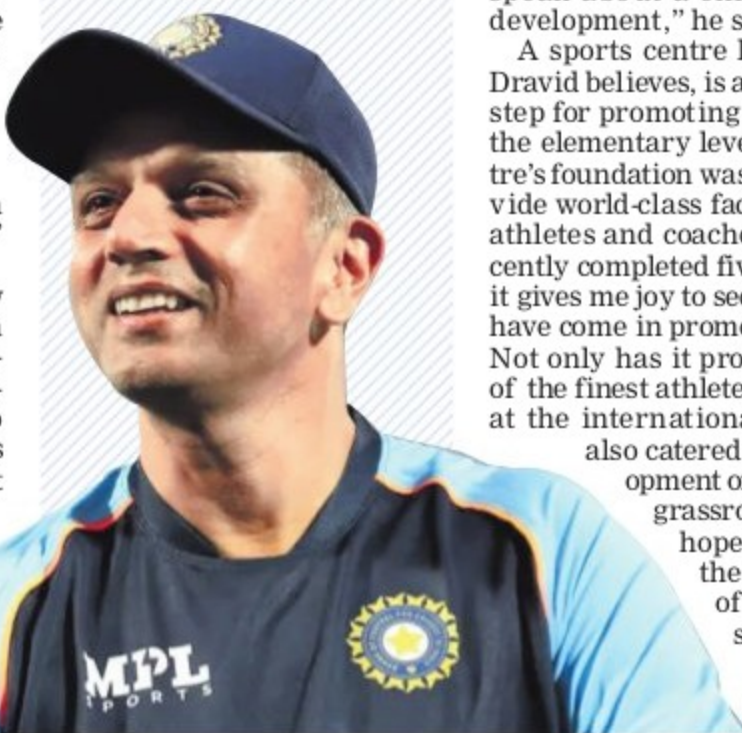
as at the recreational level. Today, we have various high-performance centres catering to elite athletes as well as real estate brands who understand the importance of play and have started integrating sporting amenities into their residential projects. We must encourage such initiatives which further help us in becoming a physically active nation," he says.

In the early days of the new year, Dravid spoke virtually at a sporting event in the city addressing the concerns of physical education (PE) teachers who attended the event from across India. The two-day workshop at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence (PD-CSE) was organised by Plaeto Pioneers.

The 50-year-old cricketing icon feels such events,

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Rahul Dravid



much like the bamboo principle, have an overarching impact. "I strongly believe in treating play as an integral part of school life. India's youth can learn as much from play as they can from their regular subjects. Something that has always resonated strongly with me is building confidence and character through play and sports. The most critical part of this is using the time set aside for PE optimally when we speak about a child's overall development," he says.

A sports centre like PDCSE, Dravid believes, is an important step for promoting sports from the elementary level. "The centre's foundation was built to provide world-class facilities to all athletes and coaches. It has recently completed five years, and it gives me joy to see how far we have come in promoting sports. Not only has it produced some of the finest athletes competing at the international level, but also catered to the development of sport at the grassroots level. We hope to continue the momentum of promoting sport at all levels," he concludes.

CITY READ



Biggie's Burger launches Bigg Café in Kasavanahalli

Biggie's Burger launched its new Bigg Café, a gourmet café in Kasavanahalli. Biggie's Burger currently operates 147 stores in 28 cities in 14 states across India. Biraja Rout, founder, said, "Since the launch of the first store, our mantra has been innovation which has been the key factor for our success. Currently, we have 12 stores in Bengaluru and we are aiming to launch 50 stores by June."

TiE Bangalore Angels, LetsVenture announce U-30 Founders Challenge

On National Start-up Day, TiE Bangalore Angels, a special interest group of TiE Bengaluru and investment platform LetsVenture announced the U-30 Founders Challenge, inviting disruptive early-stage founders across India to apply. After the screening criteria, around 10 startups will be eligible for cumulative investments up to \$250K. Those interested can apply by February 15. The process of selecting the startups for investments will be completed by the end of March.

City-based fashion brand celebrates 100 years



Legendary fashion brand PN RAO is celebrating its centenary year. Started in 1923 by P N Rao, the brand is eyeing its re-entry into women's business wear segment. Partners of the brand Machendar Pishe, Chandramohan Pishe, Naveen Pishe and Ketan Pishe spoke at the press conference. The brand

felicited the top 100 people and brands that have contributed to the city's growth. Alongside, they also launched the brand's coffee-table book which covers the city as well as the brand's journey. To pay respect to the lineage, the bust of late Pishe Narayan Rao was also unveiled.

The play *Court Martial* is about a highly obedient soldier who is found on the wrong side of the law. His actions shock the regiment and the Army orders a court martial to investigate the actions of this soldier

Trials & tribulations



EXPRESS FEATURES

CCOURT *Martial*, written by the playwright Swadesh Deepak, might be a familiar story that many theatre-goers would be aware of. But director Aashish Rana promises that it is more than what audiences have read or watched. The play *Court Martial*, which will take place on Jan 24 at Ranga Shankara, is about discrepancy and the discrimination that takes place in the Army. How our soldiers are treated by officers and how they get together to resolve some issues, how a very devoted soldier breaks the law and kills two of his fellow officers, the need for a court martial...all of this and more will be explored in the 90-minute play.

Since the play was written in the early '90s, Rana has tried to adapt it to modern times. "I did this by adding scenes of my own. I have added different dialogues and nuances, keeping in mind scenarios that happen in this era. The original play is in Hindi, so I've added some English dialogues too," says Rana.

While the play itself is very

prestigious, it was the story of the writer of the play that intrigued Rana to explore it. "In 2004, Swadesh Deepak was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. In 2006 one morning, he went for a walk and never returned. No one knows if he is dead or alive. No one has seen him after that day. This is something about the writer that intrigued me, which is why I wanted to explore more of his works. This is one of the celebrated plays in the Delhi theatre circle," he says, adding that the movie *Shaurya* - starring Kay Kay Menon, Rahul Bose, Javed Jaffrey, Deepak Dobriyal and Minissha Lamba - is based on this play.

Rana's version of play came together but not without its set of challenges. "Arranging the uniforms and medals was a very hectic task for us. We had to get it from Delhi, and had to buy them all since we couldn't rent Army uniforms in Bengaluru. We wanted to get into the skin of the character. The task was to not act like an Army officer, it was about how to make a normal actor feel like an officer. Viewers will definitely be able to see these finer details," says Rana.



Avin Thaliath
(@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quizin this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it takes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line **'Food quiz'**. The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Alt.Pizza **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1. Singori 2. Thekua 3. Lobongo Latika

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Swarnalatha Ramesh 2) Ratish Trehan
3) Ramit Batra

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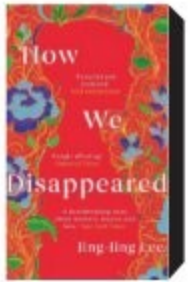
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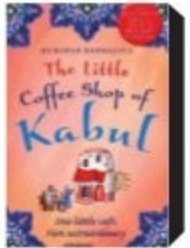
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How We Disappeared

By Jing-Jing Lee
 Singapore, 1942. As Japanese troops sweep down Malaysia and into Singapore, a village is ransacked, leaving only two survivors and one tiny child.



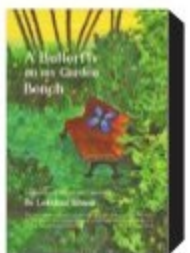
The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul

By Deborah Rodriguez
 the story of a remarkable coffee shop in the heart of Afghanistan, and the men and women who meet there — thrown together by circumstance, bonded by secrets, and united in an extraordinary friendship.



Voices of Dissent: An Essay

By Romila Thapar
 Thapar looks at the articulation of nonviolent dissent and relates it to various pivotal moments throughout India's history. Beginning with Vedic times, she takes us from the second to the first millennium BCE, to the emergence of groups that were jointly called the Shramanas—the Jainas, Buddhists, and Ajivikas.



A Butterfly on my Garden Bench

By Lakshmi Ishwar
 Brought out by Maiba Publishing, this is a collection of poetry and limericks about life and its cruel yet beautiful timelessness.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

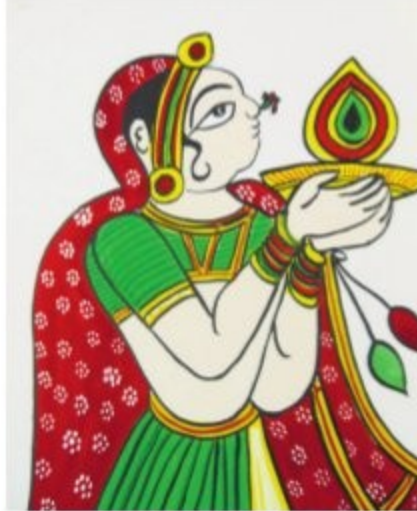


Laughathon

Watch Rahul Subramanian try his new jokes for 60 minutes and find out if they actually make you laugh. Be a part of his latest standup skit. **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur **WHEN:** January 23, 9.30pm **DETAILS:** insider.in

Music Festival

After two years of being virtual, the 32nd Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival 2023 will be live this time. The performing artists include L Subramaniam and Kavita Krishnamurti. **WHERE:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval **WHEN:** January 26, 6.30pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Phad Portraiture

Learn the art to draw a portrait in Phad style. Phad painting or Phad is a style of religious scroll painting and folk painting, practiced in Rajasthan. This style of painting is traditionally done on a long piece of cloth or canvas. **WHERE:** Online **WHEN:** January 23, 2pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



KARAOKE EVENINGS

Get a chance to sing at one of the busiest streets in Koramangala at this karaoke evening. Tickets are also redeemable on food. **WHERE:** Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala **WHEN:** January 23, 6.30pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Get on one of the exhilarating rides, or simply laze by the pool under the bright sun. But by the end of the day you get to enjoy a fun time with your loved ones. **WHERE:** Wonderla Amusement Park, Mysore Rd **WHEN:** January 23, 11am **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Live Comedy

Comedy Shots is hosting a live standup comedy show. With some food and beverages added to the mix, the evening looks promising. **WHERE:** Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala **WHEN:** January 23, 8pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Mosaic Art

Be a part of a 60-minute play and a 30-minute DIY Mosaic art session at this creative place where children explore the artist in them. **WHERE:** Awesome Place, Whitefield **WHEN:** January 23, 11am **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



MYSTERY ROOM

A team of 2-8 people are locked in a mysterious space for an hour with a mission. Find clues, hints and solve puzzles to unravel the mystery. **WHERE:** Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar **WHEN:** January 23, 12.30pm **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



PATTERNS ON WOOD

Visitors explore artworks by artist Urmila VG at an exhibition titled 'Closer' at Art Houz | VINOD KUMAR T

QUICK FIX

HANGOVER ELIXIR



Contributed by **Subhro Sarkar**, Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

■ Salt ■ Pepper ■ Lettuce leaf

FOR EGG SANDWICH

■ Eggs:2 ■ Butter:1 tsp ■ Cheese slice:1
 ■ Brown bread: 2 slices

FOR BLOODY MARIONETTE

■ Green chilli: 2 ■ Cucumber:1 ■ Tomato: 2

METHOD

For Drink

■ Cut the cucumber, tomato, and green chilli into small pieces.
 ■ Pour the mixture into the blender and blend for a few minutes.
 ■ Add salt and pepper to taste.
 ■ Garnish with a lettuce leaf (optional)

For sandwich

■ Fry the bread in butter for a few minutes.
 ■ On high heat, cook the sunny-side-up egg.
 ■ Place a slice of cheese on your bread.
 ■ Add the egg between the cheese slices.
 ■ Add salt and pepper to taste.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

POORNA MUDRA (GESTURE OF SPIRITUAL)

This Mudra encourages full breath, which means it's very resourceful when practised with pranayama. It is also called Brahma Mudra. It helps elevate the healing qualities in the body. Mudras help balance between our astral and physical one.

STEPS

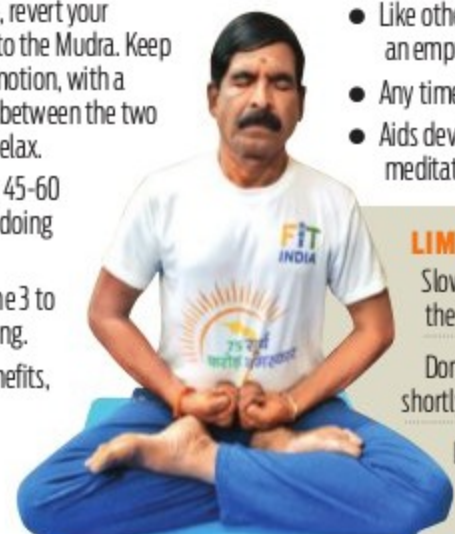
- Find a quiet and comfortable space. Sit in Padmasana (Lotus Pose), which is the best one for this Mudra.
- Stay here and get into 'pranayama state'; start breathing in and out as a warm up.
- Your palms should face upwards, while your hands rest on your laps or thighs.
- Bring your hands close to your chest and place your thumbs on your palms
- Make a fist and with your thumbs underneath your fingers. The curled fingers must face up. This is Brahma Mudra.
- Focus on the area where your hands are connecting. Apply a little pressure to keep your attention engaged.
- Go into full pranayama state by being mindful of how you are breathing in and breathing out.
- After sometime, revert your attention back to the Mudra. Keep this process in motion, with a steady balance between the two exercises. Then relax.
- After food, wait 45-60 minutes before doing this Mudra.
- It should be done 3 to 9 times per sitting.
- For the best benefits, it should be practised for 40-60 days.

BENEFITS

- Promotes flow of prana, resulting in healthy oxygenation of the entire body.
- Helpful for women with irregular menstrual cycles, caused by hypothyroidism.
- Improves eyesight, especially weak eyesight.
- Beneficial to those who have problems with dry and itchy skin.
- It helps revitalise the entire nervous system.
- Great resource when it comes to enhancing memory.
- Optimises the overall functions of the neck region.
- Helps the practitioner reach a higher state of consciousness.
- Like other mudras, it is best done on an empty stomach in the morning.
- Any time of day can be used.
- Aids developing a deeper state of meditation.

LIMITATIONS

Slow and steady movements of the neck are required.
 Don't perform this Mudra shortly after a meal.
 If you have asthma or other breathing issues, avoid this.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



KE OKA JEEVITHAM (Telugu)

To set their present right, Aadhi and his friends decide to take a ride with time to set their past right through a scientist. But time had other plans for them.

Cast: Sharwanand, Amala Akkineni, Ritu Varma
Watch on: Sony LIV

AMMU (Telugu)

Ammu thought marriage was a fairy tale - full of love and magic. But, it all changed when her cop-husband Ravi hit her for the very first time.

Cast: Aishwarya Lekshmi, Naveen Chandra, Bobby Simha
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MAACH MISHTI & MORE (Bengali)

Three generations of a family live together but they are very different from each other. The three young sons learn various lessons from life and end up as better human beings.

Cast: Soumitra Chatterjee, Swastika Mukherjee, Raima Sen
Watch on: ZEE5



MUKUNDAN UNNI ASSOCIATES (Malayalam)

Fired from a law firm for unethical conduct, Adv Mukundan Unni leaves no stone unturned to achieve success. How far will he go on the quest?

Cast: Vineeth Sreenivasan, Tanvi Ram, Suraj Venjaramoodu
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



SAUDI VELLAKKA (Malayalam)

Abhilash Sasidharan receives a summons warrant to appear in court for a case from his childhood. Desperate to learn the truth, he finds a small conflict snowballed into a larger one that changed the lives of everyone involved.

Cast: Devi Varma, Lukman, Sujith Shankar
Watch on: Sony Liv

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MUNDINA NILDANA (Kannada)

Three youngsters from different backgrounds, Partha, Meera and Ahana, cross paths while chasing their dreams and passions and unknowingly change each other's lives.

Cast: Praveen Tej, Radhika Chetan, Ananya Kashyap
Watch on: Netflix



VENDHU THANINDHATHU KAADU (Tamil)

The need to make a living leads Muthu to Mumbai where he finds himself entangled in the world of gangsters. However, as he forges a path to the top, Muthu must strive to protect his loved ones.

Cast: Sidhi Idnani, Silambarasan TR, Jaffer Sadiq
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

THE MENU (English)

A young couple travels to a remote island to eat at an exclusive restaurant where the chef has prepared a lavish menu, with some shocking surprises.

Cast: Annya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Fiennes, Hong Chau
Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

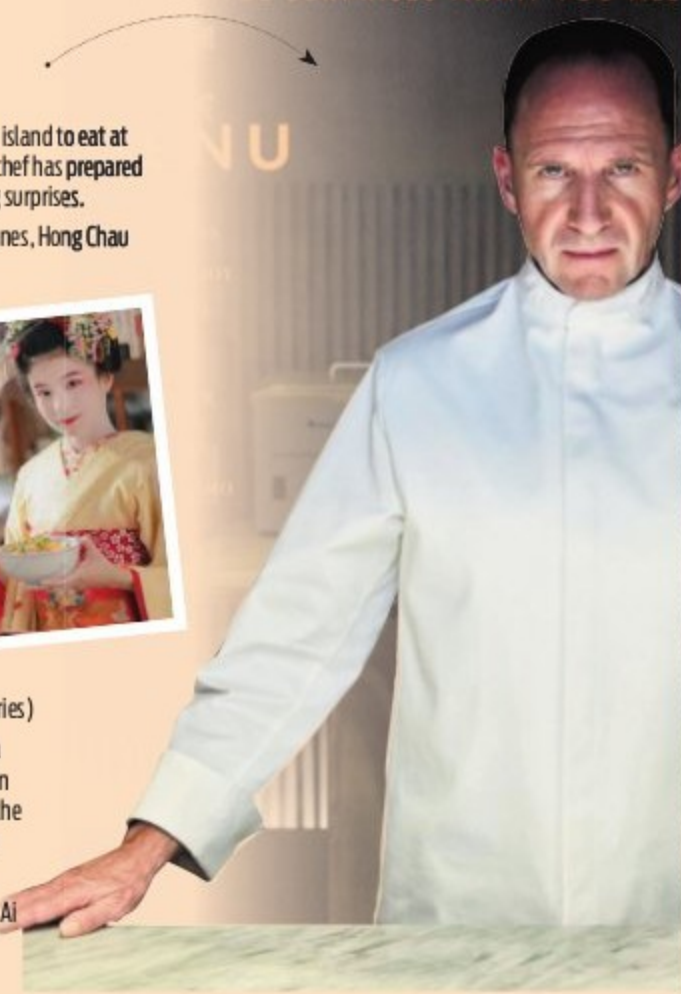


THE MAKANAI (Japanese, series)

An ambitious teenager is hired as a cook to prepare meals for geishas in Kyoto. However, she soon realises the intricacies involved in becoming an entertainer.

Cast: Nana Mori, Natsuki Deguchi, Ai Hasimoto
Watch on: Netflix

FULL SURPRISES AWAIT YOU ALL



HUNTERS (English, series)

Nazi hunters discover hundreds of high-ranking Nazi officials in 1977 New York City, conspiring to create a Fourth Reich in the U.S.; the Hunters set out to bring the Nazis to justice and thwart their new genocidal plans.

Cast: Al Pacino, Logan Lerman, Tiffany Boone
Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



DECISION TO LEAVE (Korean)

A detective investigating a man's death in the mountains ends up meeting and developing feelings for the dead man's mysterious wife in the course of his dogged sleuthing.

Cast: Tang Wei, Park He-il, Lee Jung-Hyun
Watch on: Mubi

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AUTO EXPO 2023

ZAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Indian automobile industry seems to be racing toward a greener future



The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

The recently-concluded 16th edition of the Auto Expo points towards the promising future of the Indian automobile industry. With a turnout of 6,36,743 visitors – the highest for any Auto Expo held in India – the show witnessed participation from major automobile players from around the globe.

Focusing on Sustainable Mobility and Decarbonisation, with particular emphasis on 5 specific initiatives – road safety, promotion of biofuel vehicles, electrification of vehicles, recycling of vehicles, and gas mobility, the Expo highlighted its green initiative on a grand scale.

Even though the automobile industry is working towards the perfection of electric mobility, the chances of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles hitting the market are still present. India's largest car manufacturer Maruti Suzuki launched two new petrol SUVs and showcased a bunch of flexi-fuel and CNG vehicles. The company also unveiled its Electric SUV eVX at the Expo. Maruti's first EV will reach the market in 2025. This means, for the time being, Maruti will rely on petrol, hybrid, CNG and ethanol blended fuel to achieve its green goals. All major manufacturers presented pure EVs – products that would reach the market soon as well as futuristic concept vehicles.

The show highlighted the industry's resiliency to adapt emerging technologies such as biofuels, ethanol, green mobility, and EVs. The Auto Expo had a dedicated pavilion highlighting the Indian Automobile Industry's transformation path towards greener mobility where over 70 manufacturers exhibited their best-in-class products with the most advanced green technologies. This edition of the Auto Expo also featured more than 30 pure EV manufacturers, including a significant contribution from startups.

TATA MOTORS

Tata Motors' Pavilion showcased its wide range of safer, smarter, and greener mobility solutions. One of the popular choices in the SUV segment, Harrier is coming to the market in its EV avatar. The all-wheel-drive electric SUV became one of the main attractions of the Expo. Tata Curvv, unveiled as an EV was introduced in its Petrol fuel version, with the possibility of reaching the market next year. A futuristic model Sierra EV, Altroz iCNG and Punch iCNG along with a bunch of futuristic concepts were showcased as part of the Tata lineup.



THE BIGGIES

HYUNDAI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. unveiled The All-Electric SUV – IONIQ 5. The IONIQ 5 is Hyundai's first model to be offered on a dedicated BEV Platform E-GMP (Electric Global Modular Platform) and will enable a confident, convenient, and cutting-edge driving experience with 21 Hyundai SmartSense features (Level 2 ADAS-Advanced Driver Assist Systems).



MG MOTORS

MG Motors revealed the price of the next-gen Hector at the Expo. The upgraded next-gen Hector starts at ₹14.72 lakh. They launched a new range of energy vehicles (NEVs) and the world's first hydrogen fuel cell MPV-EUNIQ 7. The two vehicles are the MG4, a pure-electric hatchback EV, and the MG EHS, a plug-in hybrid.



BYD

BYD, a leading new-energy vehicle manufacturer, unveiled its luxury electric Sedan BYD Seal ahead of its launch in India in Q4 2023. The limited edition of BYD ATTO 3 was Launched in Forest Green Colour.

LEXUS

Lexus India also unveiled the all-new 5th generation hybrid model RX during its first ever participation at the Expo.

KIA

KIA India introduced its All-Electric SUV Concept, the Kia EV9, emphasising its ambition of becoming a provider of sustainable mobility solutions. Shaping an inventive future, the brand exhibited the Kia KA4, a luxury RV with exquisite design, world-class safety, innovation, and enhanced driving dynamics capabilities.

SUPER METEOR 650

Royal Enfield launched its third 650 cc motorcycle SUPER METEOR 650. This super cruiser shares the same segment as Interceptor 650 and Continental GT 650. With a power of 47 BHP, 52.3 Nm of Torque, and 6-speed manual transmission, Super Meteor is touted to be a top contender in the market. With three variants- Astral (₹3.49 lakh), Interstellar (₹3.64 Lakh), and Celestial (₹3.79 lakh) being introduced, it is designed for long-distance cruises.



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I, SATISH KHURANA (OLD NAME), Aged About 63 Years, S/o Late Prabhu Dayal Khurana, Residing at No B-6, 17th Main Road, 5th Block, K H B Colony, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095, have changed my name to SATISH KUMAR KHURANA (NEW NAME) Vide Affidavit Dated 18/Jan/2023, Sworn Before Notary Gangaraju B N, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DEVARAJ K.V. S/o. Late Venkata Ramana Chari K.V., age 55 years, residing at # 5, 3rd Cross, M.V. Block, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003, do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from K.V. DEVA DASACHARI to DEVARAJ K.V. Vide affidavit dated 20.01.2023 sworn to before K.P. Ramesh, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PATIL ARUN BALACHANDRA, Legal father of TANUJA, R/at Shivaji Nagar, Mutaga Belgavi District, Belgavi, Karnataka-591124 have changed my Daughter's name from TANUJA to PATIL TANUJA ARUN, before Notary Public A.R. MUNEEER AHMED Dt. 18.01.2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUDARSHAN MOHAN RAO, S/o Mohan Rao Chokkadi, R/at No. 4, 1st Main, Lakshmi Sagar Layout, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru-560048, have changed my name to SUDARSHAN RAO, vide affidavit dated 21-01-2023 before Notary S. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAVAL KISHORE PRATHAST, RESIDING AT FLAT #A-304, ELEGANT BLOCK, MEENAKSHI CLASSIC, 27TH MAIN ROAD, HSR LAYOUT SECTOR-1, HSR LAYOUT, BENGALURU 560102 HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR SON FROM AANAV BASANT PRATHAST TO AANAV ATUL PRATHAST VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED:21/01/2023 BEFORE NOTARY S.I.BALAGURU, BENGALURU

NAME CONFIRMATION
I, Mrs. Avula Usha Reddy W/o Avula Madhava Reddy, Aged about 47 years. Residing at No.38, 1st Main, Lalajinagar, Bangalore-560030, presently residing at Flat No.105, 10th Floor, S2 Homes, Avantiika Apartments, B Hosahalli Road, Sompura Gate, Sarjapura Road, Bangalore-562125. I state that in my Educational, Passport and experience documents my name has been mentioned as USHA, USHA REDDY, AVULA USHA REDDY. I state that all the above three names belongs to one and that person is me AVULA USHA REDDY. Vide affidavit dated 20.01.2023, Sworn before advocate and notary S. Shankar B.A, Bangalore-562107

CHANGE OF NAME
I, E.S. Saraswathy (existing Name of Spouse as per NOK POR/Service Documents/PP0) and W/o. Service No. 658038K Sgt Sashi Krishnapanicker Pension Rank Sgt, presently residing at No. 110 MEG Layout, A Narayanapura Doorvani Nagar, Bangalore - 560 016, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from E.S. SARASWATHY (Existing name of spouse as per change of Next - of - Kin POR/Service Documents) to SARASWATHI SASHI, vide affidavit dated 20.01.2023, sworn before B. Chitra, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, HAMEEDUNNISA KHADER ALIAS SHAWAR, W/o Mr.Abdul Khader, aged about 67 years, # 796/A, 7th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 038. I state that, my name was entered in my Passport, issued at RIYADH as HAMEEDUNNISA (given name) KHADER ALIAS SHAWAR (surname) and in my other Passport issued at MANAMA, my name has been entered as HAMEEDUNNISA (given name) KHADER (surname) and in my Aadhar card, my name is entered as HAMEED UNNISA KHADER and in my PAN CARD, my name is entered as 'HAMEEDUNNISA KHADER'. And I hereby declare that, 'HAMEEDUNNISA KHADER ALIAS SHAWAR', HAMEEDUNNISA KHADER' and 'HAMEED UNNISA KHADER' names refers to one and the same person which is me only, vide Affidavit dated 19.01.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary S.Vijayalakshmi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RANGASWAMY S/o Rajanna R/at No.38, Balaji Layout, Near Sir M V Layout, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru-560060 have changed my name to RANGASWAMY RAJANNA vide affidavit dated: 21/1/2023 Before Notary G.S. Susheela Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, V BHARATHI, W/o Kesavan V, residing at No.113, Mayabazar, Viveknagar Post, Bangalore-560047, have changed my minor son name from K SHARAN to K SHREYAS, vide affidavit dated 20/01/2023 before Notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, APARAJITA RAJHANS (New Name), W/o. VASU KESARAJU, RESIDING AT FLAT NO. N-054, BRIGADE LAKEFRONT, SEETHARAMAPALYA ROAD, ITPL MAIN ROAD, WHITEFIELD, HOODI, BENGALURU-560048, KARNATAKA, INDIA, declare that I have changed my name from APARAJITA (Old Name), to APARAJITA RAJHANS (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as APARAJITA RAJHANS (New Name). For all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 20/01/2023 before Notary GANGARAJU B.N. at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHEETAL A, D/o Late P.S. Arputhaswamy, R/at No. 1293, Ground Floor, Sourabha 1st Stage, 10th Cross, 4th Main, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to GNANATHA A, vide affidavit dated 20-01-2023 before Notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. KUSHMAVATHI, D/o Suresh Shetty, permanent R/of No. 166/A, 2nd Main Road, Shikshanika School, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560095, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from K U S U M A V A T H I to S. KUSHMAVATHI, henceforth I shall be known and called as S. KUSHMAVATHI only, vide affidavit dated 21-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary LEELA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NISHAT SULTANA NIYAZUDDIN, W/o. Mohammed Mutahar Ahmed, aged 27yrs. Residing at No. 18, 2nd Floor, Asharath Mansion, 3rd 'D' Cross, Kalyan Nagar, 5th Main, 2nd Block, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name to NISHAT SULTANA, vide affidavit dated: 21.01.2023 before notary GANGARAJU B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mahammad Jafar, S/o. Mr. Usman Ahmed Khwaja, aged about 36 years, R/a #536, K.B.Road, Yellapur, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka - 581359, India have changed my name from 'MAHAMMAD JAFAR' to 'MAHAMMAD JAFAR KHWAJA', vide affidavit dated 21/01/2023 sworn to before Indira S.S, Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) KHAJI MOHAMMED FARUK SAHEB, residing at No. 46, Ground Floor, Bande Road, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Tippy Nagar, Bangalore North, PIN-560064, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) KHAJI MOHAMMED FARUK SAHEB to (NEW NAME) MOHAMED FARUK.K vide affidavit Dated 21/01/2023 sworn before Notary G.R.Ravichandra Reddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAMTHA S SHETTY, W/o Late Sri Santosh S Shetty, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 86/25, Ankita, 4th Main, 11th Cross, Near Shobha Hospital, Prashanthnagar, Basaveswaramnagar, Bengaluru-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from AADHYA SANTHOSH SHETTY to AADHYA SANTOSH SHETTY, henceforth she shall be known and called as AADHYA SANTOSH SHETTY only, vide affidavit dated 20-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary L.VEENA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M. ARUN KUMAR, aged about 42 years, S/o D.Muniraju, R/at #429, 1st 'D' Main Road, 8th Block, Near Ambedkar Park, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from ANANYA ARUN KUMAR to A. ANANYA, henceforth she shall be known and called as A. ANANYA only, vide affidavit dated 20-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.T. THIPPESWAMY at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUREKA JAWAHAR, R/of D-91, Renaissance Nature Walk, Kodigehalli Main Road, Ayyaspanagar, Opp to Diya Academy of learning, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560036, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SUREKA SIKKAIHA KUMARAN, SUREKA S.K. and S.K. SUREKA to SUREKA JAWAHAR, henceforth I shall be known and called as SUREKA JAWAHAR only, vide affidavit dated 02-12-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary G. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AMLORE MARY, Residing at No. 2, Annai Arokia Inam Gangamma Temple, Jalahalli Bangalore - 560013, have changed my name from AMLORE POOVA MARY to AMLORE MARY, vide affidavit dated 09/12/2022, sworn before Notary K C PEMMAIAH, Bangalore -560097.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, RAGHU .S. and SWETHA .K., Resident of No. 5, Munihuchchiahannapalya Road, Dasanapura Hobli, Dasanapura, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-562123, have changed our minor daughter's name from MONISHA .R. to MONISHA .D.R, vide affidavit dated: 19.01.2023 before notary GANGARAJA .C.B., Bengaluru Rural.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sri. RAKESH MADAPPA, S/o Late Sri. Madappa W.K, aged about 50 years, as the father and Natural Guardian of my Minor son SHAMANTH W.R., aged about 14 years, S/o Sri.Rakesh Madappa & Smt. Shashikala W.R., R/at No.2457, 16th B Main, Near KPTCL, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560008. Have change the name of my son from "SHAMANTH W.R." to "ARYAN RAJ W.R." vide affidavit dated 16-01-2023 before Notary Advocate R.S.Vijay Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) PERVIN KUMAR J PUROHIT, residing at No. 5, 4th Cross, First Floor, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Near MG School, Someshwara Layout, Billekahalli, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) PERVIN KUMAR J PUROHIT to (NEW NAME) PRAVEEN KUMAR J RAJPUROHIT vide affidavit Dated 18/01/2023 sworn before Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GANGAMMA MUDLAGIRIYAPPA, W/o Mudala Giriappa, aged major, R/at No. 100, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560073, Karnataka, have changed my name from GANGAMMA to GANGAMMA MUDLAGIRIYAPPA, vide affidavit dated 18-01-2023, bearing E-stamp paper certificate No. IN-KA54829154625838V, sworn before Notary N. MAHESHA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHRINIVAS B PATIL S/o Baburao Patil, aged about 40 years, R/at #F 17, 1st Floor, Silver Oak Apartments, Indian Express Layout, Virupakshapura, Bengaluru-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SHRINIVAS PATIL to SHRINIVAS B PATIL, I shall be known and called as SHRINIVAS B PATIL only, vide affidavit dated 20-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary S. NAGARAJA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MARTHA JAYASHREE J A, D/o Late T.S. Jovanes, age 42 years, R/o No. 2315, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Konena Agrahara Layout, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore North, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560 017, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MARTHA JAYASHREE to MARTHA JAYASHREE J A, henceforth I shall be known and called as MARTHA JAYASHREE J A only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21st January 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VIJAYA, residing at No. 8, Shree Rakshe, 2nd Floor, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Gattigere Extension, Near Rajasadhan Apartment, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) VIJAYA to (NEW NAME) VIJAYA DEVADIGA vide affidavit Dated 21/01/2023 sworn before Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KARTIK SHANTAVEER KATTIMATH S/o Shantaveer Kattimath, aged about 26 years, residing at No.59, 26th Main, 3rd 'B' Cross, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560096, have changed my name from KARTIK to KARTIK SHANTAVEER KATTIMATH vide affidavit dated 20.01.2023 sworn before Notary Lakshminarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, T.B. ROSHINI, aged about 49 years, W/o. Sri. P.B Nanda, Residing at No.AQ-3, Magan Colony Metro Apartment, Sneha Colony, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560069, have changed my name to P. N. ROSHINI vide affidavit dated 14/01/2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bangalore

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Rishab Shetty

Rishab Shetty begins script work for Kantara 2

Producer Vijay Kiragandur shared that the project will mostly kickstart in June



VIJAY KIRAGANDUR

CE FEATURES

We had earlier reported that Rishab Shetty's *Kantara* sequel is definitely in the works. Sharing details about this project, producer Vijay Kiragandur of Hombale Films reveals that Rishab Shetty and his team of writers are back in the actor-filmmaker's hometown of Keradi. "Rishab and his team are currently beginning the work on the script, and he will take two months to get ready. Accordingly, we will reveal official details about the multilingual project in due time, probably in June when we plan to go on floors," says

the producer, adding, "Whether this will be a prequel or sequel to *Kantara* will be known only after the script is ready."

The makers are also hoping to make *Kantara 2* hit the screens in the summer of 2024. "As per the plan, *Kantara* shooting will happen across different seasons, and hopefully, we can hit the theatres during the second quarter of 2024," he says.

Kantara, which starred Rishab, Kishore, Saptham Gowda, and Achyuth Kumar, was about the man-nature conflict, and became a roaring success across the country. With music by Ajaneesh Loknath, *Kantara* had cinematography

by Aravind Kashyap.

Rishab Shetty, producer Vijay Kiragandur and the team recently attended the Bhoota Khola festival when they sought Daiva Kola blessings, and fulfilled the vow over the success of *Kantara*. "You surrender to nature & worship the God, who has bestowed you with such success in freedom in life. #Kantara team witnessed the divine in real form & took the blessings of Daiva!" a tweet was put up by the team, sharing the moments from the festival event. Meanwhile, the Hindi version of the action thriller released on October 14 completes 100 days.

Swathishta Krishnan marks her Kannada debut with Suni-Vinay Rajkumar film

The film consists of two heroines, and the actor, who was last seen in *Vikram* will be playing one of the female leads

CE FEATURES

SUNI and Vinay Rajkumar's upcoming romantic drama is all set to go on floors, and the makers have roped in Swathishta Krishnan as one of the two female leads. The anchor-turned-actor, who was last seen in the Kamal Haasan-starrer *Vikram* will be making her Kannada debut with this project.

Bankrolled by Mysuru Ramesh, an official announcement about the project, the cast and crew are yet to be made.

Vinay Rajkumar's other projects include *Andondittu Kaala*, directed by Keerthi, *Pepe* by Sreelesh Nair, and *Gramayana*.

Apart from Vinay's film, Suni also has *Gathavaibhava*, which is currently on floors. The fantasy drama stars Dushyanth and Ashika Ranganath in the lead cast.



Vinay Rajkumar



Swathishta Krishnan

CE FEATURES

NIKHIL Kumar is among those very few actors who are juggling between his political career and acting. The *Jaguar* and *Seetharama Kalyana* actor has signed a new project with debut director Mano Hara.

Lahari Films' G Manoharan and KP Sreekanth of Venus Entertainers will be backing this Nikhil Kumar project, which was launched on the occasion of the actor's birthday. The special poster features the actor in a jersey with the name, Nikhil and the number 2, and comes with the caption, "I'm here to win, not to compete"

Mano Hara, an erstwhile assistant of Chethan Kumar, has worked in film like *James*, and previously in *Belli*, starring Shivarajkumar. Sharing more details about his debut directorial, Mano Hara clarifies that the untitled project is not a sports-based drama. "The film will be a dark, raw and rustic action film. More details about the project will be out soon," he says.

Sharing that the film is a big break for a debutant director like him, Mano says, "When it

Nikhil Kumar to headline a raw rustic action thriller

comes to films, KP Sreekanth is my guru. I was preparing for UPSC exams, and since I was not from any film background, I didn't know how to approach anyone in cinema. I got to know Sreekanth through a common friend, and from then, till date, I have got the biggest support over the past 8 years."

Mano reveals that Nikhil was thrilled to hear the narration, and the reactions of the actor gave him good vibes. "It took almost a year to prepare the script, and we were looking for an upcoming superstar, and we felt Nikhil is the best fit,"

The makers are still finalising on the artists and the technical crew.

The poster, featuring the *Jaguar* hero, comes with the caption, "I am here to win, not to compete"



Nirup Bhandari



Shanvi Srivatsava

Nirup Bhandari to star in Nagathihalli Chandrashekar's next

The film also stars Shanvi Srivatsava, and the shooting is likely to begin in February

A SHARADHAA

NAGATHIHALLI Chandrashekar is getting ready with his upcoming film, which is all set to begin shooting in February. The film, a tribute to the director's own film, *America America*, is penned by Nagathihalli, who is popularly known as the maestro of Sandalwood.

Shanvi Srivatsava plays a strong woman in the film, and she will have two shades to her role. Now, *CE* has learned that the makers have signed in Nirup Bhandari to play the male lead. Our source tells us that the *Rangitaranga* actor, who was recently seen in Sudeep's *Vikrant Rona*, is speculated to be playing a never-before-seen role in the film.

The director is expected to make an official announcement on a later date. Meanwhile, the makers have zeroed in on locations in Seattle for the project, and have also finalised the technicians.

Nirup will reunite with his *America America* composer Mano Murthy for the film, which will have cinematography by S K Rao.



Nagathihalli Chandrashekar

Rainn Wilson, Lil Rel Howery join hands for Code 3



NAVEIN DARSHAN

THE Office actor Rainn Wilson and actor and stand-up comedian Lil Rel Howery will be acting and be the executive producers of the upcoming buddy action comedy *Code 3*. The film is based on a pair of EMTs and will begin production next month. It has not yet been revealed which roles Wilson and Howery will be playing.

Code 3 will follow a pair of overworked and underpaid paramedics. When one of the EMTs feels so burnt out that he resigns, he must endure one final 24-hour shift to train his replacement. What follows is an extreme day full of everything good and bad that can happen on an EMT's first day.

Code 3 will be directed by Christopher Leone from a script he wrote with Patrick Pianezza, a former paramedic. Producers for *Code 3* are Justin Baldoni and Andrew Calof for Wayfarer Studios, Lawrence Mattis for Circle of Confusion, Matt Smith for Electro Cor-duroy Entertainment, and Pianezza for Realdream.

Kangana Ranaut wraps up filming *Emergency*

ASWIN DEVAN

ACTOR Kangana Ranaut recently announced that she has wrapped up filming for her upcoming drama *Emergency*. The film will mark her debut as a solo director and also features the actor as the former prime minister Indira Gandhi, showcasing her tenure during the 1970s.

The actor shared some behind-the-scenes photos from the sets of the film and penned a lengthy note about her experience.

"As I wrap *Emergency* as an actor today, a tremendously glorious phase of my life comes to its full completion. It may seem I sailed through it comfortably but the truth is far from it," the

actor wrote. Kangana also revealed that she had to mortgage all her property to make the film. The actor added that how she was on a low blood cell count, one of the aftermaths of suffering dengue, during the initial shoot schedule of the film.

Written and directed by Kangana, the film is billed as the story of the political history of India. *Emergency* also features actors Anupam Kher, Satish Kaushik, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, Shreyas Talpade and Vishak Nair.

Noted writer Ritesh Shah (Pink) has penned the screenplay and dialogues of the film. A Manikarnika Films presentation, *Emergency* is produced by Renu Pitti and Kangana.

